

**EMHRN Freedom of Association Newsletter #13**  
**(August-September-October 2010)**

*Since 2007, the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN) has been monitoring the situation of Freedom of Association in the Euro-Mediterranean region on a daily basis. Below is the 13th EMHRN newsletter concerning the evolution of freedom of association, in law and in practice, in the whole Euromed region and in each of the 11 South and East Mediterranean countries, over the period August-September-October 2010.<sup>1</sup>*

*Depuis 2007, le Réseau Euro-méditerranéen des Droits de l'Homme (REMDH) suit les évolutions de la situation de la liberté d'association dans la région euro-méditerranéenne. Vous trouverez ci-dessous une compilation des événements relatifs à ce sujet survenus dans la région EuroMed et dans chacun des 11 pays du Sud et de l'Est de la Méditerranée sur la période août-septembre-octobre 2010.<sup>2</sup>*

**Algeria/ Algérie**

2010-09-16

CFDA : Le sit-in des familles de disparus encore une fois brutalisé par les forces de l'ordre

<http://www.algeria-focus.com/2010/09/16/le-sit-in-des-familles-de-disparus-encore-une-fois-brutalise-par-les-forces-de-l%E2%80%99ordre/>

2010-08-29

NOHRS: Freedom of Association in Algeria

Document available upon request/ document disponible sur demande

2010-08-13

EMHRN-Amnesty-Observatory: Don't Silence Families of the Disappeared Calling for the Truth/ Ne réduisez pas au silence les familles de disparus

[http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/67/4572.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/67/4572.html)

**Egypt/ Egypte**

2010-10-21

Seventh Day: Regulation on the Internal Bylaws of Associations and Foundations sent by the Ministry of Social Solidarity to NGO Directorates in every Egyptian governorate

<http://www.youm7.com/News.asp?NewsID=293744&SecID=12>

2010-10-02

Egypt rejects U.S. concerns over the recent cancellation of a human rights conference

<http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=105&sid=2068587>

2010-09-29

US govt: Egypt's Civil Society and Freedom of Association

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<sup>1</sup> All previous newsletters as well as EMHRN annual report on the issue are available on the EMHRN website and on the EMHRN Freedom of Association Working Group's blog at <http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/themes/3683.html> and <http://euromedassociation.blogspot.com/>

<sup>2</sup> Toutes nos lettres d'informations ainsi que nos rapports sur cette question sont accessibles sur le site Internet du REMDH ainsi que sur le blog du Groupe de travail du REMDH sur la liberté d'association aux adresses <http://fr.euromedrights.org/index.php/themes/3283.html> et <http://euromedassociation.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2010/09/148409.htm>

2010-09-14

Freedom House: Egypt Detains Freedom House Employee

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=70&release=1241>

2010-09-10

CIHRS: Life of Egyptian Rights Defender in Danger after Abduction by Security Forces

<http://www.cihrs.org/English/NewsSystem/Articles/2669.aspx>

2010-09-05

ANHRI: Civil Society Still Under Siege State Security Refuses to Declare "One Homeland for Development and Freedoms" Association

<http://www.anhri.net/en/?p=1172>

2010-08-19

IGFM: Oppressive Law to Strangle Civil Society

<http://www.igfm.de/Egypt-Oppressive-Law-to-Strangle-Civil-Society-Joint-declarat.1454.0.html>

## **Israel/ Israël**

2010-10-21

ENPI: EU representatives regret Israeli military court sentence against human rights defender

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id\\_type=1&id=22874&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id_type=1&id=22874&lang_id=450)

2010-10-07

The European Parliament selected the organization "Breaking the Silence" as one of the 3 candidates for the Sakharov Prize for Human Rights for this year

<http://www.ethiosun.com/sakharov-prize-2010-9-nominations/>

2010-09-09

EU Observer: EU warns Israel over anti-NGO bill

<http://euobserver.com/9/30765>

2010-08-18

EMHRN: In View of the Fifth Meeting of the EU-Israel Working Group on Human Rights – Part about the Restrictions of the Freedom of Association

[http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/67/4672.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/67/4672.html)

## **Jordan/ Jordanie**

## **Lebanon/ Liban**

2010-10-14

EMHRN-Obs-Frontline: Lebanese Human Rights Defender Threatened with Torture

[http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/67/4736.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/67/4736.html)

## **Libya/ Libye**

2010-10-28

SHR: Law 19 contrary to Article 19

<http://www.anhri.net/?cat=26>

2010-09-21

LLHR: Open Letter to the President of the Fifteenth Session Of the UN Human Rights Council – Part on Freedom of Association

<http://www.libya-watanona.com/hrights/llhr/ll220910e.htm>

## **Morocco/ Maroc**

2010-11-08

Rapport de mission d'observation de la séance du procès des 7 militants sahraouis le 5 novembre 2010

Document available upon request/ document disponible sur demande

2010-10-01

REMDH : Le déshonneur des autorités marocaines : Refoulement de Kamel Jendoubi, Président du REMDH

[http://fr.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/61/3982.html](http://fr.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/61/3982.html)

2010-09-01

EA : Numéro Spécial : Indice de la Société Civile

<http://www.espace-associatif.ma/Indice-de-la-Societe-Civile-ISC>

## **Palestine/ Palestine**

### **Syria/ Syrie**

2010-11-02

Observatory: Awarded human right defender beaten in prison

<http://www.fidh.org/Muhannad-Al-Hassani-awarded-human-right-defender>

2010-10-15

Syrian human rights defender Muhannad Al Hassani receives Martin Ennal Award 2010

<http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/node/13575>

2010-10-14

Observatory: Publication of a leaflet in support of human rights defenders arbitrarily detained

<http://www.omct.org/index.php?id=&lang=eng&articleId=9483>

2010-10-14

AlKarama: Syrian Haithem Al-Maleh to receive 2010 Alkarama Award for Human Rights Defenders

[http://en.alkarama.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=574%3Asyrian-haithem-al-maleh-to-receive-2010-alkarama-award-for-human-rights-defenders&catid=17%3Acommuniqu](http://en.alkarama.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=574%3Asyrian-haithem-al-maleh-to-receive-2010-alkarama-award-for-human-rights-defenders&catid=17%3Acommuniqu)

2010-10-01

Abdel-Hafiz Abdel Rahmane condamné à un an de prison pour appartenance à une société secrète

<http://www.20minutes.fr/ledirect/603426/monde-syrie-militant-droits-homme-condamne-an-prison>

2010-10-11

Observatory: Judicial harassment against Mr. Mustafa Ismail, lawyer and activist of the rights of the Kurdish minority

<http://www.fidh.org/Judicial-harassment-against-Mr-Mustafa-Ismail>

2010-10-11

Sentencing to prison of Mr. Abdul Hafiez Abdul Rahman

<http://www.fidh.org/Sentencing-to-prison-of-Mr-Abdul-Hafiez-Abdul>

2010-09-09

EU Info: European Parliament urges Syrian authorities to release rights activist

[http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/syria/press\\_corner/all\\_news/news/2010/20100909\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/syria/press_corner/all_news/news/2010/20100909_en.htm)

### **Tunisia/ Tunisie**

2010-11-04

Amnesty-EMHRN-HRW-ICJ-Ifex-Observatory: Ongoing harassment against members of the Executive Bureau of the Association of Tunisian Judges

<http://www.fidh.org/Ongoing-harassment-against-members-of-the>

2010-10-25

ANHRI: Five Years of Security Siege on the Pioneering Human Rights Organizations in the Arab World. The Arabic Network Declared Complete Support With The Tunisian League for Human Rights and Denounces Police Harassments.

<http://www.anhri.net/en/?p=1459>

2010-10-21

HRW: Tunisia: Union Voices Silenced

<http://www.hrw.org/en/news/2010/10/21/tunisia-union-voices-silenced-0>

2010-09-27

RFI : Union Européenne / Tunisie : faut-il un partenariat avancé ?

<http://www.rfi.fr/emission/20100927-union-europeenne-tunisie-faut-il-partenariat-avance>

2010-09-17

EMHRN Les incohérences des politiques européennes face aux violations des droits de l'Homme en Tunisie

[http://fr.euromedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn\\_publications/62/3957.html](http://fr.euromedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn_publications/62/3957.html)

2010-08-12

CRLDHT : « 61 bis impasse de démocratie en Tunisie »

[http://www.crlght.info/index.php?option=com\\_remository&Itemid=77&func=fileinfo&id=1](http://www.crlght.info/index.php?option=com_remository&Itemid=77&func=fileinfo&id=1)

### **Turkey/ Turquie**

2010-11-08

ÇEVBIİR: ÇEVBIİR not able to continue its existence as an independent professional organization

[http://www.cevbir.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=267:hands-off-cevbr&catid=51:english](http://www.cevbir.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=267:hands-off-cevbr&catid=51:english)

2010-10-20

Observatoire : Présence internationale à l'ouverture du procès de 151 leaders de la société civile

<http://www.fidh.org/La-societe-civile-kurde-en-proces>

## **European Countries/ Etats européens**

2010-09-01

ECFR: The EU and human rights at the UN: 2009 annual review

[http://ecfr.eu/content/entry/un\\_2009\\_annual\\_review\\_gowan\\_page](http://ecfr.eu/content/entry/un_2009_annual_review_gowan_page)

## **France**

2010-10-28

Observatoire: Non à la criminalisation de la défense du droit à la dignité des migrants

<http://www.fidh.org/Non-a-la-criminalisation-de-la-defense-du-droit-a>

## **Greece**

2010-10-11

GHM: Ongoing acts of harassment against human rights defenders

<http://cm.greekhelsinki.gr/index.php?sec=194&cid=3708>

## **All the Euromed région/ Toute la région Euromed**

2010-10-31

Publication of the 2010 EMHRN Annual Report on Freedom of Association in the Euro-Mediterranean Region

Publication du Rapport du REMDH sur la liberté d'association dans la région euro-méditerranéenne – 2010

*English*

[http://en.euomedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn\\_publications/68/4758.html](http://en.euomedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn_publications/68/4758.html)

[http://en.euomedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/67/4757.html](http://en.euomedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/67/4757.html)

*Arabic*

[http://ar.euomedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn\\_publications/62/4672.html](http://ar.euomedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn_publications/62/4672.html)

[http://ar.euomedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/61/4671.html](http://ar.euomedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/61/4671.html)

*Français*

[http://fr.euomedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/61/4016.html](http://fr.euomedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/61/4016.html)

[http://fr.euomedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn\\_publications/62/4015.html](http://fr.euomedrights.org/index.php/publications/emhrn_publications/62/4015.html)

2010-10-31

ISHR: Special Rapporteur defends to GA her report on non-state actors

[http://www.ishr.ch/general-assembly-news/935-special-rapporteur-defends-her-report-on-non-state-actors-to-ga?utm\\_source=ISHR+Publications+and+News&utm\\_campaign=edc54ae9d8-NEWYORK\\_RSS\\_EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.ishr.ch/general-assembly-news/935-special-rapporteur-defends-her-report-on-non-state-actors-to-ga?utm_source=ISHR+Publications+and+News&utm_campaign=edc54ae9d8-NEWYORK_RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email)

2010-10-27

ENPI: Creation of a Euro-Mediterranean civil society assembly at the heart of EESC discussions

[http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id\\_type=1&id=22956&lang\\_id=450](http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id_type=1&id=22956&lang_id=450)

2010-10-20

Observatory: The Observatory launches a website dedicated to public information on human rights defenders' protection mechanisms and programmes

<http://www.humanrights-defenders.org/>

2010-09-29

UN Human Right Council establishes mandate on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association

[http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage\\_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/15/21](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/15/21)

2010-09-22

UN : Pas de développement sans droits de l'homme, rappelle Navi Pillay/ Failure to respect human rights means MDGs are excluding the poorest people

<http://www.mediaterre.org/international/actu,20100922150700.html>

[http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/member\\_releases/4665.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/member_releases/4665.html)

2010-09-20

Paper on the EU human rights policies in North Africa

[http://www.fp-es.org/images/oct\\_nov\\_2010/Moataz%20El%20Fegjery.pdf](http://www.fp-es.org/images/oct_nov_2010/Moataz%20El%20Fegjery.pdf)

2010-09-16

EU : Civil society has key role to play in developing the European Neighborhood Policy

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/22507/Civil-society-has-key-role-to-play-in-developing-ENP>

2010-09-13

Observatory HRD : L'Observatoire pour la protection des défenseurs des droits de l'Homme publie son rapport annuel 2010 // The Observatory publishes its 2010 Annual Report

<http://www.fidh.org/L-obstination-du-temoignage-Rapport-2010>

[http://www.omct.org/pdf/Observatory/2010/annual\\_report/OBS\\_a\\_report2010\\_eng.pdf](http://www.omct.org/pdf/Observatory/2010/annual_report/OBS_a_report2010_eng.pdf)

2010-09-10

UN Human Rights Council: Freedom of Association, top priority of the US government:

<http://geneva.usmission.gov/2010/09/08/press-breakfast/>

2010-09-06

EMHRN: A joint memorandum Concerns the European Neighbourhood Policy

[http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn\\_releases/67/4669.html](http://en.euromedrights.org/index.php/news/emhrn_releases/67/4669.html)