

Bahey eldin Hassan extended biography

Bahey eldin Hassan is an Egyptian human rights defender and one of the founders of the Egyptian human rights movement in the 1980s. In 2014 he moved to France after receiving death threats for his human rights work. Due to his public criticism of the human rights situation in Egypt, Egyptian courts froze his assets and sentenced him to a total of 18 years in prison. He is a journalist, author, lecturer, and the director of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS).

Hassan is also a member of the boards and advisory committees of several human rights organizations such as the Euro Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF), Human Rights Watch (HRW) Middle East and North Africa Division, International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). He is also one of the founding members of EMHRF and the Euro Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN).

Hassan is also Chief Adviser of the Egyptian Human Rights Forum.

Over the years, Hassan's advocacy work required him to meet with high-level international, Western, and Arab officials, including the current and former United Nations Secretary Generals, the current and former United Nations High Commissioners for Human Rights, President Barack Obama, former US Secretaries of States (2000-2016), former Tunisian President and Prime Minister, former Moroccan Prime Minister, Speaker of the Lebanese Parliament, former Sudanese Minister of Interior, former Egyptian Prime Minister, former Egyptian Ministers of Foreign Affairs, former Egyptian Ministers of Interior, and former Secretary Generals of the League of Arab States.

Awards:

- Human Rights Watch's annual Human Rights Defender Award (1993)
- Egyptian Press Syndicate's annual award (1987)

List of selected publications:

- Reflections on Human Rights Before and After the Arab Spring, Routledge Handbook on Human Rights and the Middle East and North Africa, ed. Anthony Chase, Routledge International Handbooks 2016
- A Prospect for Democratic Uprising in the Arab World in "Human Rights in the Middle East: Frameworks, Goals, and Strategies", ed. Dr Mahmood Monshipouri, Palgrave Macmillan, USA, 2011
- The Human Rights Dilemma in Egypt: Political Will or Islam? in "Beitraege zum Islamischen Recht" [Contributions to Islamic Law], ed. Hatem Elliesie, Peter Lang Publishing Group, New York, Berlin, Oxford, et al. 2010
- A Question of Human Rights Ethics: Defending the Islamist's, in "Human Rights in the Arab World: Independent Voices", ed. Anthony Chase & Amr Hamzawy, University of Pennsylvania Press, USA, 2006
- Why We're Pushing Back Against the Egyptian President's Constitutional Coup, The Washington Post, 19/04/2019
- Does Egypt's President Really Want to Fight Terrorism?, The New York Times 12/04/2017

- Egypt's Attack on Civil Society, International New York Times Weekly, 14/10/2016