

# EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES LIFT TRAVEL BAN ON HODA ABDEL-WAHAB



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After 15 years of security-related pursuit and more than 10 years under a travel ban, the Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) has learned, through the Office of the Egyptian Public Prosecutor and the Passports and Immigration Department at the Ministry of Interior, that the Egyptian authorities have decided to remove Ms Huda Abdel-Wahab, Executive Director of the ACIJLP from the travel ban lists imposed on her since 2016. It should be noted that no official response or formal documentation has yet been received regarding the resolution of the legal status of the Arab Center and its staff in Case No. 173 of 2011 concerning civil society organizations.

On 28 December 2011, the ACIJLP and five other foreign organizations operating in the field of human rights were subjected to security raids, and their offices were closed in what later became known as Case No. 173 of 2011 concerning civil society organizations, which ultimately resulted in the acquittal of all defendants working in the foreign organizations.

However, as of 2015, security pursuit of Egyptian civil society organizations resumed, and in June 2016, Ms Hoda Abdel-Wahab, Executive Director of the ACIJLP, was banned from travel, followed by similar measures imposed on other Egyptian civil society activists. Despite the lifting of travel bans on all other Egyptian activists, she remained subject to the restriction.

The ACIJLP has filed several appeals against this decision with the Office of the Egyptian Public Prosecutor, the most recent being Appeal No. 21353 submitted on 2 April 2024. The Center has now been informed orally that Ms Hoda Abdel Wahab's name has been removed from the travel ban lists in connection with Case No. 173 of 2011.

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