

Sakharov Prize 2011 - Arab Spring

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- extracts from the meeting with Asmaa MAHFOUZ (Egypt), Ahmed EL SENUSSI (Lybia) -----Background----- Five "Arab Spring" activists will be honoured with the 2011 Sakharov prize for freedom for their contribution to historic changes in the Arab world, at a ceremony on Wednesday in the plenary chamber. Three of the five winners will attend the ceremony: Ms Asmaa Mahfouz (Egypt), Mr Ahmed El Senussi (Libya) and Mr Ali Ferzat (Syria). Mr Mohamed Bouazizi (Tunisia) will be awarded the prize posthumously. Ms Razan Zaitouneh is in hiding in Syria, where she is accused of being a foreign agent. The Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought (named in honour of the Soviet physicist and political dissident Andrei Sakharov) has been awarded by the European Parliament every year since 1988 to individuals or organizations that have made an important contribution to the fight for human rights or democracy.



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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the European Parliament, Strasbourg, France (1 shot)	00:00:05
00:00:10	SOUNDBITE (Italian): Gabriele ALBERTINI, (EPP, IT), Chairman of the AFET committee: "Giving more, our giving more to these countries which are striking out down the path of reform and this must go hand in hand with a greater prosperity which is better shared through a social pact which can only be propagated by meeting the basic needs of the people."	00:00:21
00:00:31	SOUNDBITE (English): Asmaa MAHFOUZ (Egypt): "This military council is part and parcel of the Mubarak regime and it is not new at all. And it is even more violent. Mubarak and his regime used to arrest those who are struggling for their liberty and freedom and dignity, but this transitional military council is using the army and the police and the forces in order to kill those who are fighting for the dignity and for the honour. This military council is doing against those working in the media and social media, they are just doing what Mubarak used to do. Most Egyptians who believed in the Military council are now	00:01:01

00:01:32	SOUNDBITE (English): Asmaa MAHFOUZ (Egypt): "The young Egyptians who are facing the military council now are doing that because they do believe in democracy and freedom and they want their freedom and their liberty, but the Military Council is using the police and the armed forces and is using Toxic gas in order to dispose the crowds."	00:00:32
00:02:04	SOUNDBITE (French): Ahmed EL SENUSSI (Libya): "All the Libyan people said no to the dictator and they fought and the managed to get rid of him, so we are very proud of this prize and we are also proud of the role excised by the European countries, because they have helped us a lot to achieve our liberties and freedom."	00:00:30
00:02:34	SOUNDBITE (French): Ahmed EL SENUSSI (Libya): "There are weapons now still in the streets and cities of Libya and therefore we should collect these weapons in order for us to guarantee a secure environment of the conduct of elections. It is highly important to have good relations with our neighbours either in Africa or in Europe, we would like to have relations based on equality, respect and trade relations and economic prosperity which will benefit both of us."	00:00:42
00:03:16	cut away (5 shots)	00:00:35
00:03:51	END	00:00:00