

## Libyan women activists visiting the Netherlands in the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2018.

*As part of the Dutch National Action plan, 4 Libyan activists (the main partners within the program) are visiting the Netherlands in the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. The purpose of their visit is amongst others to present the first findings of an action research implemented on the daily safety needs through the lens of women and youth lived realities. This research is based on their everyday experiences in Libya through a participatory approach. The activists would like to share their findings and recommendations with Dutch policy makers and civil society to support the development of meaningful engagement and interventions in Libya.*

### Profile of our Libyan guests

**Hajer Sharief**, appointed by United Nations Secretary General as member in the advisory group for the progress study on youth peace and security, mandated by the Security Council resolution 2250. She's also an advocate for the Kofi Annan foundation with the Extremely Together initiative on Countering Violent Extremism, most recently she has been chosen for the UN women's group of 'champions for women, peace & security and human rights'. In February 2017 she was awarded the student peace prize in Norway. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2018, Hajer Sharief was invited to provide a civil society perspective and recommendations when the Security Council met to discuss the situation in Libya on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. : <https://www.facebook.com/UNSMIL/videos/1492252287491149/>

Hajer is currently the project manager for the 'Together We Build it' organization which she co-founded during the war in Libya in 2011, and has been since working on supporting the democratic process in Libya by emphasizing the relevance role of women's and youth in peacebuilding, conflict resolution and preventing violent extremism. Together We Build It Foundation is a partner within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dutch National Action Plan 1325. See also: <https://www.cordaid.org/en/news/un-resolution-1325-listen-grassroots-women-voices/>, <https://www.cordaid.org/en/news/peacebuilders-not-troublemakers-youth4peace/>



**Asma Khalifa (26)** is a Libyan activist and researcher. She has been working in civil society on human rights, women's rights and youth empowerment since 2011. Since then Asma became a research student in MA-Peace and Conflict studies and has begun working on peace-building and conflict transformation. On May 25<sup>th</sup> 2016, Asma received the Luxembourg Peace Prize during The World Peace Forum in the European Parliament in Luxembourg.

Asma is the co-founder at **Tamazight Women Movement**, a think/do tank that is working on gender equality and research on the indigenous women of Libya and North Africa. *Tamazight Women Movement is a partner within the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dutch National Action Plan 1325.* See also <http://nytlive.nytimes.com/womenintheworld/2016/08/01/if-i-want-to-see-hope-in-libya-again-i-have-to-work-for-it/>



### Inas Miloud

Inas Miloud is an activist and researcher focusing on indigenous rights and the involvement of women in peace and political processes. Inas is the lead coordinator for the 1325 Network in Libya, where she worked amongst others on projects relating to violence against women during conflict. Further, Inas is the co-founder and director of Tamazight Women's Movement, an organization dealing with the intersection of gender, race and ethnicity amongst indigenous populations. See also <https://www.cordaid.org/en/news/hopes-for-libya/>



**Rida Al-Tubuly** is an activist and Professor of Pharmacology at faculty of Pharmacy, University of Tripoli. After the liberation of Tripoli in 2011, she co-founded "Maan Nabneeha Movement: Together We Build It", an NGO that works towards the promotion of human rights and women's political & economic empowerment,. Dr. Rida Al-Tubuly is fighting for women's rights and is interested in issues such as gender equality and political empowerment of women. Her passion is empowering women, particularly getting the Libyan women to be considered a real actor and an equal partner in building up Libya. Ms. Al-Tubuly is the executive manager of the 1325 Network in Libya, a network which advocates on UNSCR1325 (2000) in Libya, and a coauthor of the first Libyan Civil Society Monitoring Report on UNSCR1325 (2000).

