

Nothing is impossible for this generation of Arab youths

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Arab News – More than 28 percent of the Middle East’s population is aged between 15 and 32 and this group of people is the future of our region.

It is not an understatement when we say that the youth are ambitious and hardworking and want to achieve the impossible — because that is the simple reality.

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Egypt: Woman human rights defender and sexual harassment survivor sentenced for speaking out

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Amnesty International, 29 September 2018 – “Amal Fathy is now facing a disgraceful sentence simply for her courage to speak out against sexual harassment. This is an outrageous case of injustice, where the survivor is sentenced while the abuser remains at large. She is a human rights defender and sexual harassment survivor, who told her truth to the world and highlighted the vital issue of women’s safety in Egypt. She is not a criminal and should not be punished for her bravery,” according to Najia Bounaim, Amnesty International’s North Africa Campaigns Director.

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Egypt's Al-Azhar says sexual harassment is haram and cannot be justified

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Egypt Independent, 28 August 2018 – Al-Azhar mosque, the most prestigious religious institution in the Sunni Muslim world, has issued a statement denouncing sexual harassment. Justifying harassment because of the woman's behavior or clothing expresses a misguided understanding as sexual harassment is an assault against privacy, freedom and dignity. That is exactly what we say in our series Hope for Tomorrow!

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Algeria government denies church closures are discrimination

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World Watch Monitor, 9 March 2018 – The Algerian Minister of Religious Affairs has denied discriminating against the country's Christian minority by ordering the closure of several churches in recent months.

The latest church closures took place last week, as **two churches were sealed by police** in the north-western city of Oran. A week beforehand, two more churches received a notification to close in the eastern city of Tizi Ouzou, while in November another church was **closed down** in Aïn Turk, 15km from Oran.

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Coalition takes on female genital mutilation in Egypt

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Egypt Pulse, Rahma Diaa -CAIRO — Women and human rights organizations in Egypt marked the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Feb. 6 by announcing an “Anti-FGM Action Plan” to create new policies and mechanisms to reduce these practices against women and young girls in Egypt.

According to the most recent gender-based violence survey conducted by the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics in 2015, 9 out of 10 women in Egypt have undergone FGM.

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Egypt tightens leash on TV dramas

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CAIRO — Egyptian Ramadan TV series have an extensive record of controversy between state authorities and TV channels: Are they in line with family values, customs and traditions? Do they reflect society well or do they harm Egypt's image abroad?

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