



Invitation to a Side Event in Brussels on 4 May 2022 “The Manifold Impacts of Enforced Disappearance in Syria”

**Families for Freedom,
The Caesar Families Association,
The Coalition of Families of Persons Kidnapped by ISIS (Massar),
Dawlaty,
The Syria Campaign,
The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ),
The Mission of Switzerland to the EU,
The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU,
The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU and
The Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU.**

**are pleased to invite you to attend an in-person side event:
“The Manifold Impacts of Enforced Disappearance in Syria”**

**Wednesday, 04 May 2022 (10:00 - 12:00 CET)
Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont,
Boulevard Charlemagne, 11-19, 1000 Brussels
Meeting Room DE GASPERI**

**To attend in person, please RSVP at this [Link](#).
To attend this event online, please register at this [Link](#).**

This side event aims to amplify the voices of Syrian victims’ groups in their struggle for truth, justice, and accountability and to highlight the urgency of the wide-scale legal, social, and psychological consequences arising from arbitrary detention and enforced disappearance in Syria.

It will provide an opportunity to discuss the manifold impacts of enforced disappearance and arbitrary detention in Syria, and strengthen comprehension of the extent and enduring nature of the double-victimization resulting from these crimes. The format of this side event is designed to encourage an informed exchange of ideas among involved stakeholders to discuss what can and should be done internationally, regionally, as well as nationally and come together around a set of strong and specific commitments for resolving the issue of arbitrary detention and disappearance in Syria, relying on participatory processes.

Presenters

Fadwa Mahmoud, member of [Families for Freedom](#)
Yasmin Mashan, member of [Caesar Families Association](#)
Hiba Alhamid, member of [Massar](#)
Leila Sibaii, Co-founder and Board member of [Huquqyat](#)

Moderator

Salma Kahale, MENA Director, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

The briefing will be held in Arabic and English. Interpretation will be provided.
Views, thoughts, and opinions expressed during the side events reflect solely those of the speakers/organizers and do not constitute endorsement by the EU.

We look forward to your participation and constructive engagement. For more information, please contact Nousha Kabawat nkabawat@ictj.org or Malek Dawlaty malek@dawlaty.org.

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Best regards,