

Profile | **16 Female Candidates for the People's Assembly Elections 2011/2012**

Short profiles about 16 female candidates for the People's Assembly elections 2011/2012 that Nazra for Feminist Studies worked with through the Women Political Participation Academy that Nazra launched in October 2012



Magy Mahrous

- Age: 40 years old.
- Job: independent consultant in the field of development.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as professional, on the individual seat of the Egyptian bloc for the Egyptian Social Democratic Party, Cairo Ninth district (Maadi - Helwan - 15 of May - Tora - El Tebein - Basateen).
- Political History: the 2011/12 elections was Magy Mahrous' first political experience as she was not politically active before. But she has worked for more than 19 years in the field of development and civil society in Upper Egypt, Sudan, Iraq and Ethiopia.
- Election Result: she did not win, but will continue working in the political and social field and create pressure groups of youth to develop the district and create more effective political participation.



Sana Ahmed Gamal El Din

- Age: 45 years old.
- Job: working in the Agriculture Credit and Development Bank in Sahel Selim Assiut.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as worker on the list of Egyptian bloc, the Egyptian Social Democratic Party, Assiut, second district (Abnoub - El Fath - El Badari - Abutej - Al Ghanaeim - Sadfa - Sahel Selim), she was second on the list.
- Political History: this election was not her first political experience as she is raised in a politically active family. She ran for parliamentary elections for the years 2005 and 2010 but did not win due to fraud in the elections of 2010. She also ran and won a seat in the local council elections in 2007 and has been member of the council until she resigned after the revolution of January 25, 2011.
- Election Result: She won and she is now a member of parliament for her constituency.



Hoda Rashad Nasralla

- Age: 40 years old
- Job: lawyer at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as professional on the list of the electoral bloc the Revolution Continues for the Socialist Populer Alliance Party, Cairo, first district (El Sahel - Rod El Farag - Shubra - Sharabia - El Zawya El Hamra - Zaitoun - Amireya - Waily - Hadaeik El Kobba), she was third on the list.
- Political History: this is the first electoral experience of Ms. Nasrallah but was not the first political activity due to her work as a lawyer in the field of human rights, where she participated actively with "The Egyptian Protesters Defence Group" and the sit in for Judiciary Independence in 2005 and joined a team of lawyers in filling a number of lawsuits that has a human right aspect.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she's still continuing with her work as human rights defender.



Amani el-Sebai

- Age: 25 years old.
- Job: unemployed.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as worker on the list of the electoral bloc the Revolution Continues for the Socialist Populer Alliance Party, Kafr El Sheikh, second district (Desouk - Desouk Center - Fowah Center - Motobas Center), she was fourth (and final) on the list.
- Political History: She does not have any history of political or social activity, but her father is left-wing and a former member of the Tagamou party, which was her main reason to run for the election and the feeling that Egypt is changing, especially during the revolution of January 25, 2011.
- Election Result: she did not win and she is unsure whether she will continue working in the political field or not.



Mona Mohamed Rabie

- Age: 40 years old
- Job: social worker in a school.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as professional on the list of the Egyptian bloc for El Tagamo Party, Aswan (Center Aswan - Edfu - Kom Ombo - Nasr al Nuba - Draw - Abu Simbel - Aswan first - Aswan second), she was third on the list.
- Political History: this was not her first political experience as she comes from an active family as Tagamo Party members and has practiced politics since she was young. Her husband and her ran for the local council elections in 2007 and she won. She decided to run in the 2010 parliamentary elections on the Quota seats, the votes count was in her favor, but the outcome was forged to the favor of the National Democratic Party candidate, She was also active in respect of el Nuba Issue.
- Election Result: She did not win, but will continue her political and social work and she believes this is just a beginning.



Mervat el-Seid

- Age: 43 years old.
- Job: student at the Faculty of Commerce, Open University.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as an independent worker on the individual seats, Kafr el Sheikh, first district (Damanhur - Damanhur Center - Mahmudiya).
- Political History: she has a long history of political activism, She participated in the labor movements calling for the creation of independent trade unions. She have strong ties with New Woman foundation and she was a member of the coordinating body for the Hisham Mubarak Law Center, she led a strike against the administration where she worked. This strike resulted in the achievements of their demands, tenure, and she participated in the sit-in and demonstration in front of the cabinet for more than a month until the minister negotiated with her.
- Election Result: due to personal circumstances she did not continue her campaign and did not win.



Nadia Saad Mersal

- Age: 60 years old.
- Job: works at the Ministry of Education.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as worker on the list of the electoral bloc the Revolution Continues for the Socialist Popular Alliance Party, Behira, first district (Damanhur - Damanhur Center - Mahmoud-eya - Kafr El Dawar Center - Kafr El Dawar - Rashid - Edco - Abu Matamir - Hosh Issa - Abu Homos), she was the eleventh on the list.
- Political History: this was not her first political experience as she was involved in the political activism for more than 15 years. Together with her husband were planing to run for parliament as independents in 2010 but he died. Candidate mobilizing with the members of the Socialist Popular Alliance Party in her district. After the revolution, she was impressed by the ideas and principles of the Socialist Popular Alliance Party and their views "Safety, Justice and Equality".
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will continue her public activism.



Sahar Zuheir Sakr

- Age: 35 years old.
- Job: teacher.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as worker on the list of the Revolution Continues for the Socialist Popular Alliance Party, Bheira, first district (Damanhur - Damanhur Center - Mahmoudeya - Kafr El Dawar - Kafr El Dawar - Rashid - Edco - Abu Matamir - Hosh Issa - Abu Homos), she was last on the list.
- Political History: she does not have experience in the field of public or social work though she has knowledge of the political system through her father, who has been a key community leader in Mahmoudeya. As she herself has no political history, did not previously work actively on the ground.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will run for the local council elections.



Sabah Hassan Ismail

- Job: unemployed.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as professional on the list of the Egyptian Bloc for the Egyptian Social Democratic Party, Bheira, second district (Aldlengat - Kom Hamada - Badr - Wady El Natroon - Nubariya - Itay El Barood - Shobrakhitt - Rahmaniya), she was the fifth on the list.
- Political History: She has not been previously politically or socially active and was not an active member in the campaign of her list.
- Election Result: She did not win, and she will not continue the political work.



Amani Issawi

- Age: 45 years old.
- Job: working in the Ministry of Administrative Development.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as independent professional on the individual seats, Giza, third district (Dokki - Agouza - Imbaba).
- Political History: as a Bachelor and Master of Information from the American University with honors, she took several executive positions and consultation in many fields which varied between the private sector, civil society organizations, and finally the government sector aiding the Minister of State for Administrative Development Affairs for international relations, She did not belong to any political party before and preferred to remain independent in order to be more independent in her political decisions.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will run for the local council elections.

Mona Kora

- Age: 34 years old.
- Job: pediatrician.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as professional on the electoral bloc the Revolution Continues for the Socialist Popular Alliance Party, Dakahlia, second district (Dekerness - Dimna locality - Sherbeen - Manzala - Matareya - Aljamleiah - Meniet El Nasr - Meet Sellsell - El Kurdee), she was the seventh on the list.
- Political History: she is not entirely a new in politics as she was a member in Tagamou Party and also as an activist in the "National Association for Change." But after the revolution of January 25 2011, she has joined the founding group of the Socialist Popular Alliance Party in the belief that her party has exhausted all chances in the street and is no longer able to cope with the change and from then found it is better for her to continue in a party that has this capability.
- Election Result: she did not win, but will continue her political work.



Noha El Sharkawy

- Age: 34 years old.
- Job: dentist.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as professional on the electoral bloc the Revolution Continues for the Party of Masr El Horeya, Dakahlia, First district (Mansoura First- Mansoura Second - Mansoura - Belqas - Talkha - Gamasa - Nabarouh) she was the third on the list.
- Political History: Her political activity began when she joined the campaign for the National Assembly for Change before the revolution of January 25 2011 to support ElBaradei. After the revolution she decided to run in the elections as she believed in the principles of the Revolution Continues Bloc.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will run for the local council elections.

Amal Ismail

- Age: 35 years old.
- Job: director of an advertising office.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as worker on electoral bloc the Revolution Continues, Dakahlia, Third District (Meet Ghamr - Meet Ghamr Center - Aga - Sanblawin - Tami Alamdid - Beni Obeid) she was the seventh on the list.
- Political History: She was a member of the Wafd Party from the year 2000 and ran twice in local council elections from the party, in 2000 and 2007, she lost in the first election because of fraud and she won the second, she resigned as she found members of the national party known as corrupted and have had an argument with the security of the state about the resignation and suspending her functions as a member in the council. Then she decided to run for elections separate from the Wafd Party.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will continue her political work.



Amal Mamdouh

- Age: 35 years old.
- Job: unemployed.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as an individual for the Socialist Popular Alliance Party, Dakahlia, first district (Mansoura First - Mansoura Second - Mansoura - Belqas - Talkha - Gamasa - Nabarouh).
- Political History: she was not politically active before the revolution of January 25 2011 but have done some social activity in the fields of community development. On this basis she decided to run as an individual in the constituency, based on her knowledge of the voters in the district.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will run for the local council elections.



Treza Samir Mousa

- Age: 28 years old
- Job: works as a journalist for at national (Watany) newspaper.
- Type of Candidacy: she ran as farmers on the electoral bloc the Egyptian bloc of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party, Menya, (Meya Central - New Menya - Abou Koekas - Malloway - Malloway Center - Deir Mouas) she was the last on the list.
- Political History: prior to her candidacy she has not been politically active but has knowledge of the political system from her work as a journalist. Her work has showed great enthusiasm and effort in her election campaign and developed a political battle during the elections.
- Election Result: she did not win, but she will run for the local council elections.



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