

Solafa Magdy is an award-winning Egyptian journalist and human rights defender whose commitment to press freedom and justice has made her a resilient voice on the global stage. A former political prisoner, she endured nearly two years of imprisonment in Egypt for her courageous reporting. Now based in France, Solafa continues to advocate for freedom of expression, women's rights, and the plight of political prisoners, focusing on critical issues across the Middle East and North Africa.

Her work has earned prestigious honors, including the DAWN Integrity Award (2023) and the IWMF Courage in Journalism Award (2020). Recognized by The Washington Post Press Freedom Partnership for her bravery, she was also granted honorary French citizenship by the Mayor of Paris in 2020.

In Washington DC, Solafa was selected for a prestigious Timep fellowship, where she engaged with members of Congress and the State Department to shine a light on the state of press freedom and the treatment of imprisoned women in Egypt. Her advocacy has also brought her to Europe, where she continues to speak on the global stage, emphasizing the need for attention to human rights violations in her homeland.

Solafa is also the creator and host of ***Return Ticket*** - تذكرة عودة a podcast dedicated to elevating stories of resilience among exiled and marginalized communities. Her podcast sheds light on the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, including the rise of hate speech against them, and offers a platform for voices that are often silenced. Through her journalism, she brings human stories to the forefront, fostering understanding and solidarity across borders.