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Nassera Dutour awarded the “Lounès Matoub” prize for her fight against oblivion



Algiers and Paris, 26 January 2015 – The Collective of Families of the Disappeared in Algeria (CFDA), SOS Disappeared and the Euro-Mediterranean Federation against Enforced Disappearances (FEMED) are very pleased for Nassera Dutour, CFDA spokesperson and President of the FEMED, for having been awarded the Lounès Matoub prize against oblivion by the AMGUD association.

On 24 January 2015, during the celebration of the 59th anniversary since the birth of Lounès Matoub, the Algerian association AMGUD awarded the eighth “Lounès Matoub” prize against oblivion to three human rights activists for their long battle in favour of human rights in Algeria: Nassera Dutour, Ms Mokrane Ait Larbi and Ms Boudjemâa Agraw.

Upon receiving the award, Nassera Dutour welcomed the recognition of the fight for the right to Truth and Justice and against impunity which has been led for many years by the loved ones of thousands of missing persons in Algeria and stressed the perseverance of these families: *“Our fight for the truth behind these disappearances continues. We must not disregard this painful page of our lives. This is our history. And history must be faced so that the crime will not be repeated. If we let this fall by the wayside, it will always catch up to us. Writing history is a symbol of oblivion because no one among us must forget the disappearance of our loved ones or the mothers who will stop at nothing to find them.”*

For CFDA, SOS Disappeared and FEMED, this symbolic award is both a recognition and motivation. These three associations are delighted with this support from the Algerian civil society for the fight led by all families of the missing against the crime of enforced disappearance.

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