

- Tawakkol Karman is 33 years old born on 7th February 1979 in Taiz Yemen.
- The Yemeni activist who shared the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize

Tawakkol Karman is the Yemeni political activist who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with two other female activists in 2011. She and [Ellen Johnson Sirleaf](#) and [Leymah Gbowee](#) (both of Liberia) were given the award "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work.

- Tawakkol Karman was born in Yemen. Her father, Abdul Salam, was a legal expert who later became the government minister for legal and parliamentary affairs and gave her the encouragement to study, work and think freely in a Conservative country like Yemen.

- Karman earned her Master's degree in Political Science from Sana'a University in 2005.

-She founded the Women Journalists Without Chains, an NGO organization that released annual reports on press freedom in Yemen.

-She also joined the Islah , Yemen's conservative Islamist opposition party. Her activism earned her the enmity of the government of President Ali Abdullah Saleh, which harassed and jailed her more than once.

- During the "Arab Spring" of 2010 and 2011, as activists were fighting entrenched rulers in countries like Egypt and Tunisia, Karman began leading Yemeni protests against the rule of President Saleh starting from the gates of the Sana'a University. She was first joined by youth both men and women from the University then the public joined her going on peaceful demonstrations "armless".

- Her floral headdress(Hijab), unusual in a country more used to women in conservative black chadors and veils, became her trademark, and though she was only 32 she earned the nickname of "Mother of the Revolution."

- She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in October of 2011. The next month, President Saleh agreed to step down after 33 years as president, although he did not immediately move to give up power.

- She has been influential to both Men and Women in Yemen and the Arab World.

- She is a leading renowned Yemeni Human Rights activist and an active member of Human Rights Network in Yemen working with our Human Rights programme under the Danish Institute for Human Rights.