



Biographies of the participants ***(Ligue des Electriciennes Tunisiennes LET)***

The only female Presidential candidate in Tunisia

KALTHOUM KANNOU



Kalthoum Kannou is the only female candidate declared fit to compete in the presidential elections of November 2014. She is a judge and a former president of the Tunisian Association of Magistrates. Kalthoum, 55 year old, was known for her perseverance and insubordination about the repressive the regime of Ben Ali.

The activism of Kalthoum Kannou began in 1981 when she was 22 years old. She entered the law school and joined the General Union of Tunisian Students (UGET). In a media statement, Kannou said her candidacy is "a strong message to all Tunisians to demonstrate that Tunisian women can compete with men in positions of political decisions."

Biography highlights:

1959: Born in Tunis

1981: Entered the Law School

1989: Began her career in the judiciary

1999: Joined the Tunisian Association of Magistrates

2001: Appointed as Judge of the Court of Appeal of Tunis

2005: Becomes Secretary General of the Tunisian Association of Magistrates, mutated as judge in Kairouan after the "coup" against the association

2010: Mutation as judge in Tozeur

2011: Becomes president of the Tunisian Association of Magistrates

2012: Appointed as Judge of the Court of Cassation in Tunis

2013: Leaves the presidency of the Tunisian Association of Magistrates

2014: Presents herself to presidential elections



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Newly-elected deputies in the capital Tunis:

Bochra Belhaj Hmida

A Tunisian woman parliamentarian, Nidaa Tounes political party, Tunis 2



She is a renowned Tunisian woman activist since the old regime of the ousted president Ben Ali. Bochra is a lawyer and member of the executive bureau of the political party Nidaa Tounes. She is a former president of the Tunisian Association of Democratic Women (1995-2001) movement. She ran in the 2014 legislative elections, on behalf of her political party Nidaa Tounes and was ranked the 2nd on the electoral list of the constituency of Tunis 2.

She was elected a member of the Tunisian parliament following 2014 legislative elections.

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Leila Hamrouni

A Tunisian woman parliamentarian, Nidaa Tounes political party, Ariana



Member of the Executive board of the party Nidaa Tounes

Member of the Election Committee of the party Nidaa Tounes and Head of the door to door committee.

Teacher and holder of Master's degree in Linguistics Discourse Analysis in French Literature.

She is a trainer on film analysis: teaching through the analysis of the cinematic image in the center of the Training of Trainers.

Leila is a former local coordinator with the political party Ettajdid in the constituency of Ariana.

She has been trained on various political skills with LET since April 2013. She ran for election on behalf of the Political Party Nidaa Tounes and was ranked

2nd on the electoral list of the constituency of Ariana.



She was newly elected in the Tunisian parliament.

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Houda Takeya

A Tunisian woman parliamentarian, Nidaa Tounes political party, Mannouba



Houda Takeya is a Tunisian woman Entrepreneur. She ran in the 2014 legislative elections, on behalf of her political party Nidaa Tounes and was ranked the 2nd on the electoral list of the constituency of Manouba. She was newly elected in the Tunisian parliament. She benefited from different trainings with LET since August 2014

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Newly - elected deputies in the regions:

Hayet Kbayer:

A Tunisian woman parliamentarian, Nidaa Tounes political party, Bizerte



Hayet Kbayer is the Regional Coordinator of Bizerte in the political party Nidaa Tunes since 2012. Hayet is the first woman who served as regional coordinator in the party. She also holds the position of Chief of Central Unit Operations in the ARAB TUNISIAN BANK.

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English Proficiency: very fluent

Meriem Boujbel

A Tunisian woman parliamentarian, Nidaa Tounes political party, Nabeul II



She is a young woman Entrepreneur and civil society activist. She graduated in Management from HEC Canada.

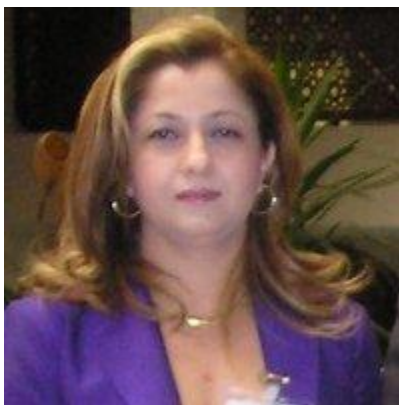
She ran in the 2014 legislative elections, on behalf of her political party Nidaa Tounes and was ranked the 2nd on the electoral list of the constituency of Nabeul 2. She was elected a member of the Tunisian parliament following 2014 legislative elections.

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Khansa Ben Harrath:

A Tunisian woman parliamentarian, Nidaa Tounes political party, El Kef



Consulting Engineer - Expert with insurance companies. She is a member of the National board of the Tunisian Association of Road Safety in charge of External Relations and the Treasurer of the association "Ambassadors for Road Safety" ASR ".

She ran in the 2014 legislative elections, on behalf of her political party Nidaa Tounes and was ranked the 2nd on the electoral list of the constituency of El Kef. She was elected a member of the Tunisian parliament following 2014 legislative elections.

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Potential candidates for the municipal elections



Selima Ben Khedher

A Tunisian woman Lawyer. Selima holds a Master's degree in Legal Sciences from the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis. Selima is also an auditor for the International Academy of Constitutional Law. She is board member of of the national board of the political party Nidaa Tunes in the constituency of Menzah 1. Selima is an active member in the League of Tunisian Women voters since August 2011. She is a potential candidate for the coming municipality elections.

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Nejma Ben Khedher

She holds a Degree in Management in depth with honors since 2002.

Nejma is young Tunisian activist. She was the first accredited independent National Elections observer following the revolution. She an active member in several civil society associations including the League of Tunisian Women Voters. Nejma coordinates the implementation of several civil society projects such as conducting awareness campaign on political participation for women and youth. She is member of the National Tunisian Workers 'Union.

Nejma is a potential candidate for the coming municipality elections.



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Olfa Abdelmoula

Olfa holds a Master's degree in Accounting obtained. She's been working for 10 years in a leasing company where she held several positions such as: Head of Audit Department, head of organization and quality department, head of the finance department.

She is registered with the National Chamber of the union of entrepreneurs UTICA.

She is an active member of Ligue des Electriciennes Tunisiennes (LET). She acted as a National Observer in the legislative elections observing the electoral process from a gender point of view after being trained by LET and she is going to observe in the presidential elections as well.

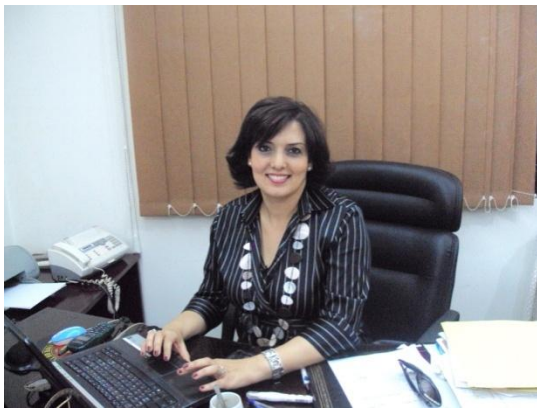
She is a potential candidate for the coming municipal elections.

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LET coordinators and representatives



Basma Soudani, a Tunisian woman activist, holds an

MA degree in Linguistics and Women Studies, High Institute of Languages, Tunis.

She served in Euro- Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHERN) as Tunis Program Officer. She worked for three years in Tunis Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Regional Office, Tunisia as a Grant Manager Specialist. Basma was also was a linguistics Professor for twenty four years and she taught in several international and national institutes.

Basma has a relevant volunteer civil society experience since 1997. In 2011 she founded the NGO, the League of Tunisian Women Voters “Ligue des Electrices Tunisiennes” (LET) and is acting as its president. The league aims to Political and public Women Employment under the prism of gender equality and especially, to strengthen women participation of in the electoral process as a candidate, a observer and a voter in order to make them more active in their community on a regional, national and international level. As a founder and president of the association, Basma drafts project proposals, and sets short and long-term objectives for the NGO. She has built and maintained local, national and international networks with human rights NGO’s; distributing information on training and development opportunities for Tunisian activists.

In 2011 Basma Co-Founded “Third Voice” Tunisian Civil Society Salon where she helped organize a post revolution open forum for exchanging views on the “new Tunisia”; weekly meetings where political parties, government officials, human rights organizations, and media figures discuss their political vision with interested members of civil society. She participated in several national and international Conferences as a guest speaker, lecturer and/or participant.



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Najla Abbès, Project coordinator (LET)

Najla Abbès has a Master's degree in English Literature from The Higher Institute of Languages in Tunisia. She was a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant at Pfeiffer University, North Carolina from 2007 to 2008.

Najla is the co-founder and program coordinator of the League of Tunisian Women Voters (LET). The league aims to improve Tunisian women's ability to participate effectively in public affairs, especially in politics and electoral practices, as voters and candidates based on the principles of human rights and social gender. As a program coordinator, Najla developed project proposals on women empowerment strategies and helped to implement an exchange program between Tunisian female potential candidates for the elections and Danish female MPs. Following the revolution, Najla was invited to deliver presentations and present papers on women's activism and political participation in different international conferences, workshops and seminars. She was recently elected the Chairwoman of Mediterranean Civil Society and Women in Leadership Conference in Sarajevo.

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