The World Youth Democracy Forum for DC-Area Students
Meeting with the 2011 Ion Ratiu Democracy Award Winner:

Nabeel Rajab of Bahrain

Nabeel Rajab, president of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights, is one of the founders of the human rights movement in Bahrain. Rajab also has been active internationally as deputy secretary general for the International Federation for Human Rights and as the chairperson of CARAM-Asia, a regional network that addresses migration and health issues. He is also on the Board of Advisors for Human Rights Watch and a member of an Arab media monitoring group. He is the recipient of the Silbury Prize to "facilitate his on-going humanitarian and human rights work" and has received the 2011 Ion Ratiu Democracy award.

Rajab began his human rights career in 1999 as a founder of the first human rights organization in Bahrain, “The Bahrain Human Rights society”, after years of working in secrecy. He went on to co-found the Bahrain Human Rights society and the Bahrain Center for Human Rights, as well as other committees to protect the rights of various marginalized groups. Throughout his career, Rajab has dealt with threats and violence, often having to defend himself against false accusations for conspiring against the current regime. He has shown exceptional courage by continuing his work. Rajab's exceptional work in documenting and reporting the human rights violations during this critical time has helped to get international support for the families of detainees, something which has only benefitted from the latest social media.

This event will be broadcast live on the Internet. Students at universities around the world, including in Alexandria, Bucharest, Chisinau, Cluj, and London, have been invited to participate.

Founder, World Youth Democracy Forum, and Senior Advisor, Ion Ratiu Democracy Award

Friday, December 2, 2011
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Linder Family Commons, 1957 E St, NW, Room 602
RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/WYDF2011 by Monday, November 28
Reservations are required as space is limited
Refreshments will be provided

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