



PRESS RELEASE

## THE WINNER OF THE 2016 VÁCLAV HAVEL HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE

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Today, on Monday 10 October, 2016, Nadia Murad was ceremonially announced as laureate of the 2016 Václav Havel Human Rights Prize at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. The award is presented by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Václav Havel Library and the Charter 77 Foundation.

### Nadia Murad

A young, brave Yazidi woman, who managed to flee ISIS in northern Iraq. Today a human rights activist, she brings the plight of the Yazidi community, in particular the forced sexual enslavement and human trafficking of women and children captured by ISIS, to the forefront of international attention.

### Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The Václav Havel Human Rights Prize draws attention to extraordinary actions in the field of human rights in Europe and elsewhere. It is presented annually by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in partnership with the Václav Havel Library and the Charta 77 Foundation. It comes with a monetary award of EUR 60,000.

### Fences, Walls and Trenches: Freedom of Movement as a Human Right?

The Václav Havel Library has organised an international conference in honour of the laureate; Fences, Walls and Trenches: Freedom of Movement as a Human Right? will take place at the Prague Crossroads on 12 October, 2016.

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