Winner number 2 : Mona Eltahawy
Best Opinion Article

Egyptian Mona Eltahawy, was awarded the prize in the "Best Opinion Article" category for her article *“****The Arab World’s Dirty Secret – Racism,”*** published in Arabic in the *Al Arab* daily newspaper in Qatar (1/12/2008) and in *Al Masry Al Youm* daily newspaper in Egypt (6/12/2008).

Mona Eltahawy is a New York-based columnist for *Al Arab* and *Al Masry Al Youm* newspapers. She also writes essays for *The Washington Post, The New York Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, Canada’s *Metro* and Denmark’s *Politiken*.

She has been a guest analyst on *ABC Nightline, Good Morning America, PBS Frontline, BBC TV and radio, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, Voice of America, NPR,* Egypt’s *Nile television*, the Saudi channel *Al Ekhbariyya, Orbit TV, Al Jazeera International* and *Al Arabiya*.

She also teaches a graduate-level course on media in the Arab world at *The New School for General Studies* in New York.

Before she moved to the U.S. in 2000, Mona Eltahawy was a news reporter in the Middle East for many years for *Reuters News Agency, The Guardian* and *U.S. News and World Report*. She was a columnist for *Asharq al-Awsat* for several years. She holds an MA in journalism-television news option and a BA in mass communications from the *American University of Cairo*. She is fluent in Arabic and English.