

## **Fearless Women by Ekbal Baraka, former PIWWC Chair**

Events prove day after day that women are no longer afraid of political action and are not to be intimidated by "slander" of prisons nor "scuffing" in the courts, as was the case before. Woman today is fully aware that if she does not deal with politics to adjust the track of the government, by criticism and demanding her rights and the rights of her children, injustice and corruption will continue forever.

As the world celebrates next week International Women's Day, sits in prison three writers charged with a variety of charges, either because they wrote with courage and exposed corrupt regimes. Khadija Ismailova (Azerbaijan), journalist and broadcaster and writer Sanjuana Martinez, a Mexican journalist and author of seven books, at least, and posted on its web site as well. And Gao Yu Chinese writer, and former chief editor of a weekly newspaper for economic contribution to the German newspaper Deutsche Welle.

The charges against the three writers are similar; publishing articles to expose the corruption in politics, or expose national secrets to destinations outside the border regulations, and the police method is similar, rather identical; the attack at dawn on the accused house, and the destruction of the contents of the inhabited, and arrest without charge and without firm evidence, Then covert or overt and formal trial !! And there are always ready judges utterly devoid of conscience, have dedicated their lives to the service of the ruler, violating the law and exploiting it to conquer the oppressed. And the price is known ..

Before the police practiced its hobby to suppress citizens, telephone and online threats of murdering and kidnapping to intimidate victims and force them to remain silent, m yet strange, all those exposed means do not scare writers, and did not prevent them from continuing to expose corruption and shed light on those involved and calling on governments to enforce the law. And also strange that the three governments have signed international treaties oblige governments to give citizens freedom of expression and respect for human rights and respectful treatment in prisons of the imprisoned and not force them to lay down their confessions under torture.

I hope that you remember those brave writers names , Khadija, Sanjuana and Gao, women who took off the dress of selfishness and put on patriotism and desire to upgrade their nations , and did not fear threats or terrorism but the whole world will remember them as an example of courage and altruism. Writers all over the world have protested strongly against the arrest of the three women writers, demanding through their organization Pen International , their release and immediate release of all detained for expressing their opinion, as long as they did not commit any crime and did not draw a weapon to assault . How long will corrupt governments remain lax protection of the laws, and consider the writer who calls foe implementing the law an enemy that deserves punishment ..?

There has been a time when women were not interested, but in herself and her family, and her borders stop at the threshold of her house. Today, her her country is considered as her home and its people her family , and their fate is the same . This confirms that human progress is forward, and that the future will be better, God willing.