



The 14th Annual Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy

UN Opening Session

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

13:30 – 14:30

Welcome:

Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of United Nations Watch, on behalf of the 25 NGO co-sponsors of the Geneva Summit.

Greetings:

Ambassador Leslie E. Norton, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

Opening Address:

Nazanin Boniadi, Iranian-born actor and human rights advocate.

Presentations:

1. **Zarifa Ghafari**, Afghanistan's youngest female Mayor and survivor of six assassination attempts.
2. **Leonid Volkov**, Russian opposition activist and Chief of Staff to Alexei Navalny.
3. **Berta Valle**, wife of imprisoned Nicaraguan opposition leader Félix Maradiaga.
4. **Hopewell Chin'ono**, Zimbabwean investigative journalist and former political prisoner.
5. **Areej al-Sadhan**, Activist, sister of Saudi political prisoner Abdulrahman al-Sadhan
6. **Bobi Wine**, Ugandan opposition leader and former political prisoner.
7. **Enes Kanter**, NBA basketball player and human rights activist



Concluding Remarks:

Rosa Maria Paya, Cuban pro-democracy activist and daughter of Oswaldo Paya, who was assassinated in 2012.