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Inas Kamal Al-Deen Ramadan, a journalist at “Roz al Yousef” magazine recently awarded by the Media Diversity Institute (MDI), was interviewed by the national TV in Egypt.

Appearing on the prime-time TV programme "On the name of Egypt", Inas discussed her award winning article about the willingness of some Egyptian girls to be enrolled at military academies in fields of infantry, air force and special forces just like men, and not only in the medical services and the media. Her article *“Let high heels go to hell, long live the military boots”* was published in “Roz al Yousef” magazine in December 2013 and won MDI award for the ‘Best Article on Women in Society’.

Not only that Inas Kamal Al-Deen Ramadan was a guest of the prominent TV program hosted by Hossam El Sokkari, Mamoun Fendi and Kaswaa Al-Khelali, but she had an opportunity to choose the other guests in the

studio: two of the girls that are willing to enrol in the Egyptian military, founders of a facebook page that demands that they are allowed to join all fields of the military academies, as well as a military expert. They were Dina Ashour, Faculty of commerce graduate and a boxing champion, and Gehad Al-Komy that nicknamed among her friends as "First Lt. Gehad", in addition to Major General Farid Hagag.

The discussion started by showing a visual report on the views of the Egyptian street regarding the idea of enrolment of girls in the military, and it eventually reflected the refusal of the majority to the idea.

"We say military men, and not military girls" and "girls are weak and will not be able to resist the harshness of the military" were some of the opinions raised. To these kind of arguments Dina Ashur responded by saying "men and women are equal in loving their countries and in the desire to defend them".

Dina and other Egyptian girls insisted on opening all fields to women by sending written petitions and requests to the ministry of defense and other military affiliates in Egypt, yet no response was given.

"The women is a human, and the man is a human, so what is the difference?", Dina elaborated saying that she is very serious about joining the special forces, air force, and parachuting forces and that she is capable of doing so because she was trained in boxing three times a day while fasting.



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