



### **THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MANSOUR KIKHIA**

Mr. Mansour Kikhia, former foreign Minister of Libya, disappeared in Cairo, Egypt in December 1993 while attending a conference on Human Rights, sponsored by Arab Organization for Human Rights.

**Georgetown University  
Washington, D.C.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1995

This month marks the 10th anniversary  
of the founding of  
Libyan Human Rights Commission



Libyan Human Rights Commission is non-political, has no political agenda or affiliation, and was founded in 1985 to promote compliance of human rights in Libya. Libyan Human Rights Commission supports the work of the United Nations, Amnesty International, and other human rights organizations and hopes that the collective efforts of such organizations result in compliance of basic human rights in Libya. Particularly those of the UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION, and international conventions. Libyan Human Rights Commission probes into the condition and plight of Libyan detainees, conscience and political prisoners, has good working relationships with several human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, and submits reports on human rights abuses in Libya to the United Nations Human Rights Commission and human rights organizations. At the United Nations Human Rights Commission 45th session, Libyan Human Rights Commission made a formal intervention in Geneva, Switzerland which was simultaneously translated in all languages. Libyan Human Rights Commission made positive contributions at World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna, Austria June 14-25, 1993.

## **PROGRAM**

6:00 p.m.

Opening

Dr. Amin El-Huni

Libyan Human Rights Commission

6:05 p.m.

Statement on behalf of Center for Contemporary Arab Studies  
Georgetown University

by

Dr. Halim Barakat

6:10 p.m.

Mr. A. Omar Turbi

Statement on behalf of Libyan Human Rights Commission  
in recognition of Mr. Mansour Kikhia

6:17 p.m.

Ambassador Clovis Maksoud

6:27 p.m.

The Honorable John Shattuck  
Assistant Secretary of State  
for Democracy and Human Rights

6:35 p.m.

Dr. Naseer Aruri

6:45 p.m.

Human Rights Watch/Middle East  
Lawyers Committee for Human Rights  
Arab Organization for Human Rights (in Britain)

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Closing Statement

A. Omar Turbi

Executive Director

Libyan Human Rights Commission

7:00 p.m.

Reception & Documentary (NAME: HUMAN)  
Directed by: Mohamed Maklouf



## **MANSOUR RASHID KIKHIA**

Born in Benghazi, Libya

December 1, 1931.

Disappeared in Cairo, Egypt

December 11, 1993.

Graduate Studies in International Law,  
Geneva, Switzerland (1966-1967).

Law Degree, Sorbonne University,  
Paris France, 1960.

High School Education, Helwan, Egypt,  
1950.

Elementary Education, Benghazi, Libya  
(1936 - 1946).

His Diplomatic Career began in 1957, as a Charge d' Affairs of the Libyan Embassy in Paris, in 1962, then in Algeria, in 1963, and a consul general in Geneva (1963-1967), then a member of the Libyan Mission at the United Nations in 1968.

In 1969 post King Idris regime, Mr. Mansour Kikhia was appointed as deputy Foreign Minister, then a Foreign Minister 1972. He resigned to pursue private practice in law in 1973 until April 1975. He was appointed then as a Representative of Libya to the United Nations. He resigned in August 1980 in protest of flagrant Human Rights Violations in Libya.

Throughout the 1980's, He promoted and continued Human Rights activism in Libya and throughout the Arab world. A noted Human Rights Activist and an Arab figure, he is a founding member of Arab Organization for Human Rights. He advocated dialogue, and multi-party democracy.

late 1980's, Mr. Mansour Kikhia, founded (Libyan National Alliance) a political opposition group.

Mr. Kikhia is married to Baha, and has four children.