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Rabia is an Australian criminal and human rights lawyer, retired British Army officer, former terrorism and war crimes prosecutor, international humanitarian, hostage survivor, professional speaker, facilitator, coach and published author. She has earned an international reputation as a powerful, transformative and unforgettable inspirational/motivational speaker, as well as a committed and passionate human rights advocate, thought leader and philanthropist.

In 2006 Rabia was awarded a Queen's commendation for her human rights work in Iraq, in 2009 was the Runner Up for Australian Woman of the Year UK and in 2014 was selected as a Telstra Australia Business Woman of the Year Finalist and was named as one of the Westpac/Australian Financial Review's Top 100 Women of Influence. Rabia was also named as one of the 2016 Australian of the Year Award finalists and was recently appointed as a Director of the International Foundation for Non-Violence and the Western Australian Museum of Freedom and Tolerance.

In October 2014 Rabia received a standing ovation from 1700 people at her TEDx talk entitled "Courage Under Fire" where she spoke about the power we all have as individuals to create the change we wish to see in this world. In March 2015 Rabia was nominated for the WA Women Lawyer of the Year Award, was used as a case study at the most recent UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York and was this year named as the Professional Speakers Australia (PSA) Keynote Speaker of the Year.

Rabia's best selling memoir "Equal Justice" was published in 2013 and is currently in its seventh reprint. An international feature film based on Rabia's book is currently being developed. She has appeared in various Australian, UK, South East Asian, North American and Middle Eastern media and print publications and has appeared as a guest at several Australian Writers Festivals. Rabia speaks English, French, Spanish and Arabic, has run the London marathon and participated in other endurance events for charity, undertaken human rights and community aid work in the Middle East, South America, United Kingdom and Australia, and is a mother to young triplet boys, her biggest and most rewarding challenge yet!