



THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND ACTIVISTS IN EGYPT

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During the period covered by the newsletter, the pretrial detention of human rights defenders pending investigations has continued. Meanwhile, the trial sessions of human rights lawyer Ziad El-Eleimy and journalists Hisham Fouad and Hossam Moanes on charges of publishing false news and information took place. Additionally, the investigations of some human rights defenders in case 173 of 211 were discontinued. Notably, researcher and journalist **Shimaa Sami** was **released**.

ARRESTS, TRIALS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Session challenging the judge sitting on the trial of rights lawyer Ziad El-Eleimy and journalist Hesham Fouad adjourned

On 25 August, the Seventh Circuit of the High Civil Appeals Court adjourned the request challenging the judge filed by human rights lawyer Ziad El-Eleimy and journalist Hesham Fouad against the head of Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanors Court presiding over their trial in case 957 of 2021 in which they face the charge of publishing and spreading false news and information, to 26 October.

Detention of proofing editor Ayman Abdel Moaty renewed

On 29 August, Cairo Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of proofing editor and human rights activist Ayman Abdel Moaty for 45 days in state security case 880 of 2020 in which he is facing charges of participating with a terrorist group in achieving its objectives, publishing false news and information, and demonstrating without informing the security authorities.

Detention of Quranist teacher Reda Abdelrahman renewed

On 29 August, Zagazig Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of Quranist teacher Reda Abdelrahman for 45 days in Kafr Saqr Emergency State Security Misdemeanors case 3418 of 2020, in which he faces the charge of joining the terrorist organization ISIS.

On 5 September, Zagazig Criminal Court rejected the appeal lodged by the Quranist teacher against his pretrial detention's renewal. The court upheld the decision in the aforementioned case and accusations.

Researcher and journalist Shimaa Sami released

On 29 August, security forces released researcher and journalist Shima Sami following the State Security Prosecution's decision to release her with the guarantee of her place of residence in state security case 65 of 2021, in which she faces the charge of joining a terrorist group.

Detention of Dr. Walid Shawky renewed

On 30 August, Cairo Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of doctor and activist Walid Shawky for 45 days in state security case 880 of 2020 in which he is facing charges of joining a terrorist group, publishing false news and information, and incitement to protest without informing the security authorities.

Investigations with human rights lawyer Negad Al-Borai, human rights lawyer Azza Suleiman and activist Esraa Abdel-Fattah shelved

On 30 August, the investigative judge mandated by the Cairo Court of Appeal decided to discontinue the investigation of human rights lawyer Negad Al-Borai, human rights lawyer Azza Suleiman and activist Esraa Abdel-Fattah in case 173 of 2011, known in the media as the case for shutting down civil society.

Detention of activist Nermeen Hussein renewed

On 30 August, Cairo Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of activist Nermeen Hussein for 45 days in state security case 65 of 2021, in which she is facing the charge of joining a terrorist group.

Trial of human rights lawyer Ziyad El-Eleimy & journalists Hesham Fouad and Hossam Moanes adjourned

On 2 September, Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanors Court decided to adjourn the hearing of the trial of human rights lawyer Ziyad El-Eleimy and journalists Hesham Fouad and Hossam Moanes in case 9170 of 2021 copied from supreme state security case 930 of 2019 in which they face the charge of publishing and spreading false news and information to 29 September, pending the outcome of the judge challenge request.