



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, a final ruling acquitted Aya Hijazi, director of Belady Foundation, of the human trafficking charges.

ARRESTS, TRIALS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations of rights lawyer Gamal Eid continue

On 27 July, the investigative judge mandated by the Cairo Court of Appeal postponed the investigation of human rights lawyer and ANHRI's executive director Gamal Eid in case 173 of 2011 investigative judges, known as the foreign funding case, to 1 August.

On 1 August, the investigative judge decided to postpone the investigation with human rights lawyer Gamal Eid in the aforementioned case until 3 August.

On 3 August, the investigative judge decided to postpone the investigation with human rights lawyer Gamal Eid in the aforementioned case, to a later date to be determined.

Investigations with rights lawyer Negad el-Borai

On 27 July, the investigative judge mandated by the Cairo Court of Appeal decided to postpone the investigation with human rights lawyer Negad Al-Borai in case 173 of 2011, known in the media as the case for shutting down civil society.

Investigations with women rights activist Mozn Hassan

On 29 July, the investigative judge mandated by Cairo Court of Appeal decided, after conducting the investigation for the third time in case 173 of 2011 of women rights activist Mozn Hassan, founder of Nazra Center for Feminist Studies, to assign a committee to re-conduct a tax audit.

Investigation with human rights activist Hossam Bahgat

On 29 July, the investigative judge mandated by Cairo Court of Appeal conducted investigations with human rights activist Hossam Bahgat, founder of the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, in case 173 of 2011. The case file

included memos accusing him of establishing and managing an entity with the objective of “working to change the mental image of citizens and to incitement them against national institutions, especially the police, the judiciary, and the armed forces.”

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

On 29 July, 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 a hearing on 17 August.

On 17 August, Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanors Court decided to postpone the trial of the defendants in the aforementioned case to 18 August for the prosecution's statements.

On 18 August, Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanors Court decided to postpone the trial of the defendants in the aforementioned case to the 19 August session, in order for the dismissal of the court procedure to take place.

On 19 August, Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanors Court decided to postpone the trial of the defendants in the aforementioned case and on the same charges to 2 September, pending a decision regarding the dismissal request.

Appeal of Quranist teacher Reda Abdelrahman rejected

On 29 July, Zagazig Criminal Court rejected the appeal of Quranist teacher Reda Abdelrahman and upheld the decision of putting him in pretrial detention 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.

Public Prosecution's appeal against Aya Hegazy's acquittal rejected

On 1 August, the Court of Cassation rejected the appeal submitted by the Public Prosecution against the acquittal of activist Aya Hegazy, director of Belady Foundation, in the case known in the media as the human trafficking case, seven years after the ruling issued by the Cairo Criminal Court.

Appeal of human rights lawyer Gamal Eid against the travel ban decision postponed

On 1 August, the Supreme Administrative Court decided to postpone the appeal No. 33778 of Judicial Year 67 filed by human rights lawyer and Executive Director of the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information (ANHRI) Gamal Eid against the ruling issued by the Administrative Court that it lacks jurisdiction to hear the case filed to revoke his travel ban decision issued by the investigative judge mandated by Cairo Court of Appeal in the case known in the media as the case of shutting down civil society for the September 26, 2021, session.

Detention renewal of activist Mohammed Adel postponed

On 2 August, Mansoura Criminal Court postponed considering the detention renewal of activist Mohamed Adel in case 4118 of 2018 Sherbeen Administrative for a week in order for his lawyer to attend, after the security forces brought Adel from his detention in Mansoura prison following the departure of his lawyer, in which he faces charges of joining a terrorist group.

On 9 August, Mansoura Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of the activist for 45 days pending the previously stated case and on the same charges.

Detention of Eng. Yehya Hussein Abdelhady renewed

On 17 August, Cairo Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of Eng. Yehya Hussein Abdelhady for 45 days in state security case 277 of 2019 in which he is facing charges of joining a terrorist group, publishing false news and information and misusing social media.

Investigations with human rights lawyer Mohamed Al-Baqer, blogger Alaa Abdel-Fattah and blogger Mohamed Oxygen continue

On 17 August, the Supreme State Security Prosecution continued the investigations of human rights lawyer Mohammed al-Baqer, blogger and activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah, and blogger Mohammed Oxygen in Case No. 1356 of 2019 State Security in which they face charges of joining a terrorist group having knowledge of its objectives, committing a funding crime, and publishing false news and information.