

## 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 into cases was renewed. Meanwhile, the trial of human rights lawyer Ziad El-Eleimy and journalists Hossam Moanes and Hesham Fouad continues, and the trial of EIPR researcher Patrick George Zaki on charges of publishing false news and statements.

On 29 September, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ilze Brands Kehris **presented a report** to the Human Rights Council showing that human rights defenders have faced **reprisals** from Egyptian authorities for cooperating with the UN.

# ARRESTS, TRIALS AND INVESTIGATIONS

### Detention of lawyer Mohab el-Ebrashy renewed

On 26 September, Cairo Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of human rights lawyer Mohab el-Ebrashy for 45 days in state security case 1898 of 2019, in which he is facing charges of joining a terrorist group having knowledge of its objectives, and spreading false news and information.

### Appeal of activist Mohammed Adel rejected

On 28 September, Mansoura Criminal Court rejected the appeal of activist Mohammed Adel and upheld the decision of placing him in pretrial detention for 45 days in Sherbin Administrative case 4118 of 2018, in which he faces the charge of joining a terrorist group having knowledge of its objectives.

## Trial of Patrick George Zaki adjourned

On 28 September, Mansoura Emergency State Security Misdemeanors Court adjourned the trial of the researcher at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR) Patrick George Zaki on charges of publishing false news and information to 9 December for the defense's discovery.

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

On 29 September, Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanors Court adjourned the trial of human rights lawyer Ziyad El-Eleimy and journalists Hossam Moanes and Hesham Fouad in Misr al-Kadima State Security Misdemeanours

case 957 of 2021 on charges of publishing false news and information to 6 October to hear the Public Prosecution's argument.

On 6 October, the court adjourned the trial of the human rights lawyer and journalists to 20 October in the aforementioned case and on the same charges to continue the defense statements.

# Detention of human rights lawyer Ziyad El-Eleimy & journalists Hesham Fouad and Hossam Moanes renewed

On 3 October, Cairo Criminal Court renewed the detention renewal of human rights lawyer Ziyad El-Eleimy and journalists Hesam Fouad and Hossam Moanes for 45 days in supreme state security case 930 of 2019 on charges of participating with a terrorist group in achieving its objectives, and publishing false news and information.

### Detention of vlogger Mohammed Oxygen renewed

On 5 October, Cairo Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of vlogger Mohammed Oxygen for 45 days in state security case 855 of 2020, in which he is facing the charge of joining a terrorist group.

#### **Detention of proofing editor Ayman Abdel Moaty renewed**

On 6 October, Giza Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of proofing editor 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 competent authorities.

### **Detention of lawyer Amr Nohan renewed**

On 6 October, Giza Criminal Court decided to renew the detention of human rights lawyer Amr Nohan for 45 days in state security case 741 of 2019 in which he is facing charges of participating with a terrorist group in achieving its objectives, publishing false news and information, and misusing social networking tools.

#### **Detention of Dr. Walid Shawky renewed**

On 9 October, Giza Criminal Court renewed the detention of physician Walid Shawky for 45 days in Case No. 880 of 2020 State Security, in which he is facing charges of joining a terrorist group having knowledge of its objectives, spreading false news and information, and demonstrating without informing the competent authorities.

#### Detention of human rights lawyer Haitham Mohammadeen renewed

On 10 October, Cairo Criminal Court renewed the detention of human rights lawyer Haitham Mohammadeen for 45 days in state security case 1956 of 2019 in which he is facing charges of joining a terrorist group, having knowledge of its objectives and publishing false news and information.