

(Translated from Arabic)

**Response of the Egyptian Government to allegations contained in joint urgent appeal
No. UA EGY 10/2014**

1. On 21 June 2014, around 100 people organized a march which began in front of the Al Ahrām metro station and moved towards the Etehadīya presidential palace. During the course of the march, while passing through Ismailīya Square in the Heliopolis neighbourhood of Cairo, participants blocked the road and impeded the flow of traffic. As a result security forces were obliged to intervene and managed to disperse the participants, arresting 24 individuals (17 young men and 7 young women).
 2. The incident was registered under record No. 8489/2014 (Heliopolis Police Department). The Public Prosecutor ordered that those arrested be held in detention for 4 days pending further investigation, one was released on bail and another was handed over to the military police because he was a conscript in the armed forces.
 3. Twenty-two accused were sent for trial before the Heliopolis Criminal Court on 29 June 2014 and, on 26 October 2014, they were each sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment and payment of a fine of 10,000 Egyptian pounds (LE).
 4. The defendants appealed against their sentence before the Heliopolis Court of Criminal Appeal which, on 9 November 2014, decided to postpone its review of the case to 28 December 2014, ordering that in the meantime the accused should remain in detention.
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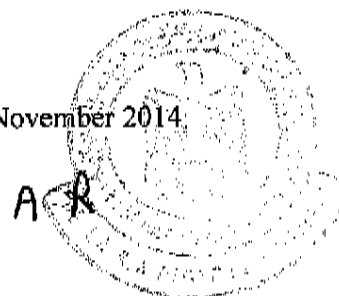
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The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office, World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), and with reference to the Joint Urgent Appeal dated July 4th 2014 concerning "allegations of detention and ill-treatment of 24 human rights defenders" (Ref: UA EGY 10/2014), has the honor to attach herewith the information provided by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in relation to the allegations included in the aforementioned Joint Urgent Appeal, and looks forward that the enclosed information be brought to the attention of the mandate holders who presented the aforementioned joint communication, and be duly reflected in the relevant communications report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, World Trade Organization, and Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Special Procedures Branch), the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 28 November 2014



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رد الحكومة المصرية على الإدعاءات الواردة بالالتماس العاجل المشترك

UA EGY 10/2014

- ١- نظم حوالي ١٠٠ شخصاً في ٢١ يونيو ٢٠١٤ مسيرة انطلقت من أمام محطة مترو الأهرام في اتجاه قصر الاتحادية الرئاسي، خلالها قاموا بقطع الطريق وتعطيل الحركة المرورية أثناء مرور المسيرة بميدان الإسماعيلية بحى مصر الجديدة، وهو ما اضطرت معه قوات الأمن للتدخل وصولاً لتفريقهم وضبط ٢٤ شخصاً (١٧ شاب و ٧ فتيات).
- ٢- تحرر عن هذه الواقعة المحضر رقم ٢٠١٤/٨٤٨٩ جنح قسم شرطة مصر الجديدة وبالعرض علي النيابة العامة قررت حبسهم أربعة أيام احتياطياً عل ذمة التحقيقات وإخلاء أحدهم بضمان مالى وآخر تم تسليمه للشرطة العسكرية في ضوء أنه مجند بالقوات المسلحة.
- ٣- تم إحالة المتهمين وعددهم ٢٢ شخصاً للمحاكمة أمام محكمة جنح مصر الجديدة بجلسة ٢٩ يونيو ٢٠١٤، وأصدرت المحكمة حكمها عليهم في ٢٦ أكتوبر ٢٠١٤ بالحبس لمدة ٣ سنوات وغرامة ١٠ آلاف جنيه.
- ٤- استأنف المتهمون الحكم الصادر ضدهم أمام محكمة جنح مستأنف مصر الجديدة التي قررت في ٩ نوفمبر ٢٠١٤ تأجيل نظر القضية لجلسة ٢٨ ديسمبر ١٤ مع الاستمرار في حبس المتهمين.