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Egypt: activists arrested under new protest law - Amnesty International experts available for interview

Egypt's security forces have dispersed two protests by dozens of activists in Cairo today in a move to implement a controversial new law that places restrictions on demonstrations in Egypt. Leading human rights activists were among those arrested.

Amnesty International has warned that the legislation, signed into law on Sunday by Egypt's President Adly Mansour, threatens freedom of assembly. The law grants security forces the power to use excessive force against demonstrators, including shooting at protesters who pose no threat to the lives and safety of others.

For further information on Egypt's new draft protest law please see: ***Egypt: New Protest law gives security forces free rein*** (<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/egypt-new-protest-law-gives-security-forces-free-rein-2013-11-25>)

The following Amnesty International researchers have recently returned from Egypt and are available for interview:

- **Diana Eltahawy, Researcher on Egypt**, in London (English, Arabic)
- **Mohamed Elmessiry, Researcher on Egypt** in London (Arabic)

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