

URGENT ACTION

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS RELEASED

Some 35 human rights activists and journalists, including two Amnesty International staff members, were freed on 4 February 2011 after spending almost two days in military custody.

The Egyptian and international human rights activists, lawyers and journalists had been arrested on 3 February 2011 when Egyptian security forces, including military police, raided the offices of the Hisham Mubarak Law Center.

The overwhelming response to this appeal by members of Amnesty International created real pressure on the Egyptian authorities to release the activists, and is felt to have contributed to the positive outcome.

Many thanks to all of those who sent appeals. No further action is requested.

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