URGENT ACTION

MORE ACTIVISTS RELEASED IN EGYPT

Staff members of the Egyptian Centre for Housing Rights (ECHR) detained by the Egyptian security forces on 3 February are now reported to have been released.

One member of the ECHR was released on 4 February; the other two were released on 5 February. Also released on 5 February were seven political activists reportedly arrested on the night of 3 February, as well as lawyer Ahmed Helmi. A group of six Egyptian activists belonging to the 6 April Movement, the Youth of Justice and Liberty, the National Association for Change and the Gabha Party were also released on 5 February.

Despite the releases, Amnesty International is receiving reports of new detentions of Egyptians by the security forces and continues to monitor the situation carefully.

Many thanks for all of your appeals and your continued action on the unrest in Egypt. No further action is requested in this case.

Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the first update of UA 21/11. Further information: http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE12/009/2011/en

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