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Amnesty International report

Egypt rises: Killings, detentions and torture in the '25 January Revolution'

Amnesty International will on 19 May release a new report *Egypt rises: Killings, detentions and torture in the '25 January Revolution'*.

The 123-page report will be released **two days in advance of the trial of former Interior Minister Habib El Adly** and six close aides, who are accused of ordering the shooting of protesters. The report covers human rights violations that took place between 25 January and 7 March, when the new interim cabinet was sworn into office.

The report documents the cases of 93 individuals killed or injured by security forces using excessive force, focusing on **casualties in Greater Cairo, Alexandria, Beni Suef governorate, Suez, Port Said** and the industrial heartland of **El Mahalla**. It charts the waves of arrests in Cairo, particularly from 25 January to 3 February, and the many cases of torture of those detained. It describes the unlawful killings of prisoners in the context of the prison unrest.

The report highlights the urgent need for the Egyptian government to provide the victims of human rights violations during the unrest with an effective remedy, including bringing those responsible to justice and granting reparation to individuals and families for their suffering or loss. It also looks at the "Fact-Finding National Commission about 25 January Revolution" set up by the authorities to investigate the violations committed during the unrest.

The report is largely based on Amnesty International's fact-finding visit to Egypt between 30 January and 3 March 2011 to investigate human rights violations committed in the context of the anti-government protests. Seven Amnesty International delegates visited Egypt during this period.

When: The report will be released at 0001hrs 19 May Egyptian time (2201hrs GMT / 2301hrs BST 18 May)

Spokespeople:

- From Cairo: spokespeople will be available for interview in English, Arabic and French
- From London: spokespeople will be available for interview in English and French
- Case studies: Amnesty International will be able to provide on request contact details for a number of individuals featured in the report, including some of the families of those killed.
- Amnesty International will be presenting its report to civil society groups in Cairo on 19 May. Media are welcome to attend: for further details, please contact the Amnesty International Press Office. This will not be a formal press conference.

Contact: For more information about the report, to obtain an embargoed copy of the report in advance, and to arrange interviews, please contact the Amnesty International Press Office on +44 (0) 20 7413 5566 or email press@amnesty.org

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