

URGENT ACTION

SYRIAN MAN HELD INCOMMUNICADO, RISKS TORTURE

Syrian national Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i was arrested at Cairo International Airport on 12 April 2010. He has been held incommunicado since then, and his whereabouts are unknown. He is believed to be in the custody of the State Security Investigations (SSI). Detainees held by the SSI are at risk of torture, especially when they are held incommunicado and at undisclosed locations.

Soon after his arrival at Cairo airport at 1pm on 12 April 2010, Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i telephoned a relative and said he was being held by Egyptian State Security. The call was then abruptly cut off, and his family have since had no news about him. It is not known why he was arrested.

Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i had travelled to Cairo from Yemen, where he lives with his wife and children. Although he is a Syrian national, Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i, who is now 33, has lived in Yemen since he was a child.

PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in Arabic, English or your own language:

- Expressing concern that Syrian national Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i has been detained incommunicado by the Egyptian security forces, at an undisclosed location, in conditions amounting to an enforced disappearance since 12 April;
- urging the Egyptian authorities to disclose Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i's whereabouts immediately, and give him access to lawyers of his choice, his family and adequate medical care;
- urging them to ensure that Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated;
- urging them to release Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i immediately and unconditionally, or else charge him promptly with a recognizably criminal offence and try him in proceedings that meet international standards for fair trial.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 3 JUNE 2010 TO:

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 Habib Ibrahim El Adly
 Ministry of the Interior
 25 El Sheikh Rihan Street
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 Cairo, Egypt
Fax: +20 22 796 0682
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Salutation: Your Excellency

Prosecutor General
 Abd El-Megeed Mahmoud
 Dar al-Qadha al-'Ali
 Ramses Street
 Cairo, Egypt
Fax: +20 22 577 4716
Salutation: Dear Counsellor

And copies to:

Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign
 Affairs for Human Rights
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 Cairo, Egypt
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The detention of Mohammed Husam Radhwan el-Mar'i fits a pattern of people being arrested and detained incommunicado for weeks by the security forces, during which time they are tortured or otherwise ill-treated. French national [NAME RETRACTED] was arrested at Cairo International Airport when he travelled to Egypt on 21 April 2009, tortured in SSI custody and deported to France two months later. Egyptian national Mohammed Abdulwahab el-Sayed was arrested on 22 June 2009 following his return from a business trip to the United Arab Emirates. In November 2009, the Egyptian security forces arrested Russian national Ibrahim Zautdinovich Mankiev and detained him incommunicado. Amnesty International is monitoring their situation.

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