

URGENT ACTION

EGYPTIAN ACTIVISTS RELEASED BY MILITARY

Three members of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party (ESDP) who were detained by the army on 12 July 2012 after taking part in a protest have been released on bail.

Political activists, **Islam Amin**, **Karim Al Kenany** and **Mohamed Masoud**, were detained after protesting in Rabaa Al Adawiya, in the Nasr City district of Cairo to raise awareness about the constitution and to call for greater inclusiveness in Egypt's Constituent Assembly. They were accused of insulting a public official, attempting to attack a major-general and disfiguring a military building. They were released on bail on 17 July.

Mohamed Masoud told Amnesty International they were arrested by military police in civilian clothes as they were leaving the protest. The three men were beaten during their arrest and then made to stay overnight in a military office. On 13 July they were taken to S28, a military area in Nasr City, where they were beaten. They were then transferred to Istinaf prison on 14 July and were beaten again on arrival. Mohamed Masoud said that the three were placed in a small cell with over 100 other detainees, including individuals involved in criminal acts and only had access to water once a day. Their treatment improved following the court decision that they should be released and they were transferred to a better cell in Istinaf prison.

The three men have been released on bail of 500 Egyptian pounds (USD \$80) each.

Mohamed Masoud thanked Amnesty International for the actions taken on behalf of the three activists.

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

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Name: Islam Amin, Karim Al Kenany and Mohamed Masoud

Gender m/f: All male

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