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## Amnesty International Secretary General to visit Egypt

Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty is to visit Egypt between 20 and 25 June.

During the visit, Shetty intends to meet government officials, seeking commitments to pursuing reform and accountability for abuses during the '25 January Revolution' and in the previous 30 years; and stressing the need to acknowledge abuses by the army and provide reparations to victims.

Salil Shetty will visit Manshiyet Nasser, one of Cairo's informal settlements, where thousands of residents are facing forced eviction from land the authorities plan to use for luxury housing as part of the Cairo 2050 development master-plan. Residents of slums have told Amnesty International of their sense of powerlessness, of the past regime of torture and humiliation at the hands of local police, which drove them to join the uprising.

He will also meet a range of Egyptian civil society activists and will travel to Suez to meet families of those who were killed during the uprising.

Meetings have been requested with Egyptian government ministers as well as representatives of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces and the League of Arab States.

Amnesty International's delegation will include: Claudio Cordone and Widney Brown, Senior Directors; Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, Deputy Director for the Middle East and North Africa; and Mohamed Lotfy and Said Haddadi, Researchers on Egypt.

### NOTE TO PLANNING DESKS AND EDITORS

The delegation's full itinerary will be available at the end of this week. Key media opportunities will include:

- Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June: **Official meetings**. The Secretary General will be available for comment following meetings with Egyptian government officials.
- Friday 24 June: **Suez** presentation of *Egypt Rises: Killings, Detention and Torture in the '25 January Revolution'*, Lawyers Syndicate, Suez. Event will feature families of those who were killed and protesters who were injured.
- Saturday 25 June: Concluding **press briefing** by the Secretary General, 1100hrs (location to be confirmed). Followed by reception for media.
- Salil Shetty will be available for comment and one-on-one **interviews** during the visit.

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