

URGENT ACTION

KHALED AL-QAZZAZ RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGE

Khaled al-Qazzaz was released on 11 January after spending more than a year and a half in detention without charge or trial, much of it in secret detention.

Egypt's Prosecutor General had ordered the release of **Khaled al-Qazzaz** on 29 December 2014. However, the former presidential aide remained in hospital under guard until his release more than two weeks later.

The Prosecution never charged Khaled al-Qazzaz with a criminal offence.

Khaled al-Qazzaz had been detained since 3 July 2013, when he was arrested along with ousted president Mohamed Morsi and other members of the presidential team. He was held for five and a half months in conditions that amounted to an enforced disappearance, before being transferred to al-'Aqrab ("The Scorpion") Maximum Security Prison in December 2013.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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