

URGENT ACTION

AZZA SOLIMAN, 16 OTHERS, ACQUITTED

An appeal court has upheld the acquittal of women's human rights defender Azza Soliman and 16 others who witnessed the killing of Egyptian activist Shaimaa Al-Sabbagh.

Azza Soliman and 16 other eyewitnesses to the fatal shooting of a 32-year-old woman, Shaimaa Al-Sabbagh, were acquitted on 24 October by Qasr al-Nil Appeal Court of charges of protesting illegally and disturbing public order under Egypt's draconian Protest Law.

While the Misdemeanour Court of Qasr al-Nil had acquitted the defendants of all charges on 23 May, Egypt's Public Prosecution appealed against the decision three days later.

Azza Soliman thanked Amnesty International for its support and solidarity which she said strengthened her "in front of injustice and despair."

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

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Names: Azza Soliman, Nagwa Abbas, Maher Shaker, Mostafa Abdelaal, Sayed Abu El Ela, Elhami El Merghany, Adel El Meleegy, Mohamed Ahmed Mahmoud, Zohdy El Shamy, Ahmed Fathy Nasr, Talaat Fahmy, Taha Tantawi, Abdel Hameed Mostafa Nada, Mohamed Saleh Fathy, Hossam Nasr, Mohamed Saleh, Khaled Mostafa.

Gender m/f: All male except Azza Soliman and Nagwa Abbas

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