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EGYPT: Khaled ESH-SHERIF, journalist

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Amnesty International has learned that Khaled esh-Sherif, arrested on 13 August, has now been released. A journalist working for the Egyptian weekly newspaper Al-Hakika, he was apparently arrested because of his association with Islamic political groups. This was the fourth time he had been detained under the state of emergency provisions which make it possible to hold detainees for months at a time without charge or trial. Khaled esh-Sherif was never charged with any offence.

In a letter received at the International Secretariat, the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights says: *"We are quite sure that his release would have been impossible in such a short time but for the active role you played defending him, as well as the role played by other international human rights organizations"*.

No further action is required. Many thanks to all who sent appeals on his behalf.