

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEDIA ADVISORY

AI index: MDE 12/027/2013
28 June 2013

Egypt: One year on from President Morsi's inauguration - Amnesty International's experts available for interview from Cairo

This Sunday marks the first anniversary of President Morsi taking office. Amnesty International's experts are available for interview from Cairo on the human rights failures and challenges of his government.

The team will also be monitoring any response from police and security forces to demonstrations that are expected on Sunday.

To arrange an interview with Diana Eltahawy and Mohamed Emissary, Amnesty International's Egypt experts in Cairo, please contact:

Diana Eltahawy: Egypt Mobile: +20 1060 901 438
UK mobile: +44 7778 472 100

Mohamed Elmessiry: Egypt Mobile +20 1000 000 7872
UK mobile: +44 7961 421 568

Alternatively please contact the Amnesty International Press Office on +44 777 847 2126

Languages for interview: Arabic and English.

The past twelve months in Egypt has seen:

- No reform of the security apparatus has been initiated. The authorities have employed tactics reminiscent of the Mubarak era, with security forces using excessive force against protesters.
- Further restrictions on freedom of expression – including a worrying rise in criminal blasphemy cases.
- Discrimination and violence against women remains un-tackled. Women remain marginalized in the new political institutions.
- No legal or policy reforms to eradicate torture have been initiated.
- Unprecedented levels of sectarian violence against Shia Muslims, and continuing sectarian violence and discrimination against the Coptic Christian community.
- No ban on military trials for civilians, which are inherently unfair.
- The new Constitution does not explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and race, potentially affecting women and minorities.

Public Document

International Secretariat, Amnesty International, 1 Easton St., London WC1X 0DW, UK