Public Prosecutor Mohamed Shawky Ayyad

Office of the Public Prosecutor

Madinat al-Rehab, Cairo

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Dear Public Prosecutor,

In this letter I would like to draw your attention to the situation of Ibrahim Metwaly.

Ibrahim Metwaly, human rights lawyer and co-founder of the Association of the Families of the Disappeared in Egypt, has spent over seven years arbitrarily detained in retaliation for his human rights work. He has been held in contravention of Egyptian law which sets two years as the maximum permissible period for pre-trial detention.Since September 2024, he has been referred to two separate trials on bogus charges.

Metwaly has been subjected to torture and other ill-treatment. After his arrest, National Security Agency officers stripped him naked, gave him electric shocks in various parts of his body, doused him in water, and beat him. He is held in Badr 3 prison, where he is being denied urgent healthcare including an urgent surgical intervention for an enlarged prostate.

I urgently request you to immediately and unconditionally release him as he is being held solely due to the exercise of his human rights, including seeking truth and justice for his forcibly disappeared son.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours faithfully,