

I am writing this to express my grave concern for Israa Al-Taweel, a student who has been in pre-trial detention. She is suffering from leg paresis as a result of a gunshot by security forces sustained in her lower back that led to laceration of the nervous plexus.”

She must continue her treatment or will face a relapse according to the medical reports published by Egypt's Doctors' Syndicate in October. She is not finally disabled, quite contrary to the prison doctor's diagnosis that she has a permanent disability that needs no further treatment.

I strongly urge you to release Israa Al-Taweel unless she is charged promptly with a recognizable criminal offence, and given a fair trial.

I also urge you to immediately grant her access to proper medical treatment outside the prison as her condition cannot be treated in the Prison Medical Centre.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,