

I respectfully urge the Egyptian authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Islam al-Refaei, Hossam el-Swefy and Ahmed Abdel Aziz, as they are imprisoned solely for exercising their right to freedom of expression or peaceful assembly.

I further urge the authorities to ensure that, while detained, the three men have all their due process rights upheld, including access to legal representation and the right to challenge the lawfulness of their detention.

I strongly urge the authorities to cease the practice of prolonged and arbitrary pre-trial detention.

Sincerely yours,