

I am writing this to express my grave concern on Amal Fathy who is an Egyptian activist focusing mostly on raising awareness on cases of people detained for their participation in protests or because of their social media activity. She has been vocal about human rights violations. On 29 September, the Maadi Misdamenour court sentenced Amal Fathy to two years in prison and a fine of 10,000 EGP (560 USD). The bail to temporarily suspend her sentence was set at 20,000 EGP (1,120 USD).

I should ask you to immediately and unconditionally release Amal Fathy as she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully expressing her opinions.

You should recognize the legitimate work of human rights defenders, like Amal Fathy, and ensure they can carry out their activities without undue restrictions or fear of reprisals, as set out in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,