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Death of the Egyptian political opponent Dr. Magdy Al-Safty in Tora Prison amid systematic lack of health care

Medical negligence and lack of accountability result in the escalating rates of deaths inside Egyptian prisons

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) condemned the ongoing flagrant violations of the rights of detainees and the systematic slow killing they are subject to inside Egyptian prisons, which recently resulted in the death of the opposition detainee "Dr. Magdy Al-Safty", who has been detained since May 29, 2015.

AOHR UK stated that Dr. Magdy Zenhom Ali Al-Safty, 61, died on the evening of Saturday October 24, 2020 in Tora Prison Hospital, south of Cairo, after suffering deliberate medical negligence. He also suffered physical and psychological torture, along with illness and medical negligence for five years.

AOHR UK stressed that the death of Al-Safty is a new crime added to the crimes series of the Egyptian regime, which are escalating due to the lack of judicial oversight and impunity, in addition to the state of silence the international community in using in dealing with the violations of the Egyptian regime.

It also stressed that the same fate threatens hundreds of detainees inside the Egyptian prisons.

AOHR UK renewed its call on the international community to urgently intervene to save the Egyptian detainees and to end the inhuman practices of the Egyptian

regime, which aims to liquidate its political opponents, especially prisoners of conscience.

AOHR UK also called on the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special rapporteur on torture, and the special rapporteur on extrajudicial killings to form an international commission to investigate cases of deaths inside the Egyptian prisons, as the passage of time without serious actions means more victims.

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