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Ukraine Should Refrain from Extraditing Moataz El-Nazlawy to Egypt

Egyptian Authorities Use Security Agreements to Target the Opposition Abroad

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) stated that a detained Egyptian citizen in Ukraine is at risk of forced deportation to Egypt.

The Ukrainian police arrested Moataz Mohamed Rabea Ahmed Al-Nazlawy, born on 01 November 1993, on the evening of Thursday 07 May 2020 in order to deport him to Egypt. Al-Nazlawy hasn't been presented before any judicial body until now.

He was arrested based on an arrest warrant issued by Egypt for being a member of the opposition, charged in a number of civil and military cases.

Moataz's family told AOHR UK that "He was opposing the practices of the regime which subjected him to many violations because of his stances. On 12 January 2014 he was arrested by the Egyptian Security Services which charged him with participating in demonstrations. He remained in detention for 8 months before being released on 08 September 2014.

He was subjected to enforced disappearance and torture to obtain forced confessions on crimes he did not commit. He was listed in case No. 9868 of 2013 Fayoum/ administrative, and other military cases."

AOHR UK stated that the Ukrainian authorities' willingness to extradite Moataz Al-Nazlawy to Egypt constitutes a serious violation to the international law and



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makes Ukraine a partner in the widespread crimes committed against the Egyptian opposition.

AOHR UK also pointed out that the Egyptian authorities have long failed to provide any evidence against the opposition it pursue in all countries with independent judiciary system, which confirmed that Egypt's judiciary system is politicised and therefore they refused to extradite those citizens. Only countries which do not respect human rights and the international law agreed on the extradition.

AOHR UK called on the European Union and UN Secretary General to impose pressure on the Ukrainian authorities to refrain from extraditing Al-Nazalawy and to respect its legal obligations at all times.

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