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Arrest of Egyptian politicians, activists, journalists and businessmen and the seizure of 19 companies on fabricated political charges.

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Arrest campaigns follow the regime's efforts to crush any civil forces under disgraceful international silence.

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) said that the recent arrests in Egypt, which included politicians, activists, journalists and businessmen, with fabricated charges made against them, and the seizure of a number of commercial companies, comes amid continuous efforts of the regime to crush civil forces and everyone related to the January 25 revolution in any way. This comes amidst the continued deafening international silence.

AOHR UK added that Egyptian security forces issued a statement on Tuesday June 25 announcing the seizure of 19 companies and their capital, and the arrest of a number of political symbols and journalists, including Mustafa Abdel Moez Abdel Sattar Ahmed, Osama Abdel Aal Mohammed Aqbawi, Omar Mohammed Sharif Ahmed Al-Shaniti, Hossam Mo'nis Mohamed Saad, Ziad Abdel Hamid Al-Alimi, Hisham Fuad Mohamed Abdel Halim and Hassan Mohamed Hassan Barbari. The statement included the names of some opposition figures abroad, including Ayman Nour, Mahmoud Hussein and media professionals Moataz Matar and Mohammad Nasser.

AOHR UK reports that the interior and media horns began demonising the detainees by spreading fabricated accusations against them, trying to portray them as a dangerous organisation that works against the interests of the Egyptian state, without any evidence. The seized assets were monies deposited in the vaults of



companies that were subject to reservation. They were confiscated along with financial documents related to these companies.

Meanwhile, security forces have escalated their arrest and abduction of girls and university students. Indeed, 17 girls and women were arrested during the past two months, some of them held in political cases, and seven female university students remain under enforced disappearance.

AOHR UK stressed that the oppressive approach practiced by the Egyptian regime is increasing as the sixth anniversary of the events of July 3, 2013 approaches, accompanied with the complete silence of the regime's allies and the inability of the concerned United Nations bodies to put an end to this repression and hold those responsible accountable.

AOHR UK calls on all concerned elements in the world to intervene in order to end the policy of political arrests and release all detainees. For indeed, arrests mean the handing down of death sentences. Prisons are suffering from a lack of health and hygiene in addition to the brutal torture of detainees from the moment of their arrest.

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