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Death of Four Egyptian Detainees in One Week due to Medical Negligence

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK ([AOHR UK](#)) said that the alarming increase in the number of deaths inside Egyptian prisons in recent times requires the international community to take a unified stance based on upholding the value of human rights and to pressure the Egyptian regime to stop the slow killing of detainees in those prisons.

Four Egyptian detainees died in Egyptian prisons in less than a week due to the lack of the necessary [medical care](#) which caused serious deterioration for their health, doubled by the appalling conditions of detention supervised by the prison administrations and security services.

According to AOHR UK, [Ahmed Al-Nahas](#), 63, died as a result of being infected with the Corona virus in Tora Prison on Thursday, September 23, however, the authorities remained silent for three days and informed his family of his death on Sunday, September 26.

On the same day, September 23, the detainee Mahmoud Abdel Latif, 47, died inside his detention center in Wadi Al-Natroun prison Liman 441. His family confirms that he did not suffer from any pre-existing health problems, but the harsh conditions of detention had a bad impact on his health leading to his death.

On September 20, the detainee Khaled Ali Aresha, 49, died inside Mit Ghamr Police Station, due to the deterioration of his health, as he was suffering from asthma and chest allergies, and was denied the necessary treatment.

On September 19, detainee [Salama Barakat](#), 42, died inside Tora Prison, as a result of deliberate medical neglect, as he was suffering from respiratory and lung diseases.

AOHR UK points out that the number of deaths in Egyptian detention centers has risen to 904 people since the current regime took power in the country, including 37 people



who died this year. Most of these deaths came as a result of medical negligence or poor [conditions of detention](#) due to overcrowding or lack of ventilation, in addition to those who were killed under torture.

These deaths come to expose the violations of the Egyptian regime and the lies it spreads in the media, as Sisi was boasting about the opening of a new American-style prison complex, in addition to the claims of officials and pro-government media outlets that [Egyptian prisons](#) are designed to the highest level of international equipment and standards.

That Egyptian prisons [violate](#) international standards at the technical and administrative levels, as prisons are built do not insulate heat, and as cells are not suitable for human use due to its poor ventilation and overcrowding, which always exceeds the capacity of each cell by four-fold at least.

AOHR UK stressed that the continued international disregard for the human rights violations the brutal treatment of detainees in Egypt, as well as limiting human rights demands to a very limited individual cases, is a negative message for this regime, which is systematically killing its opponents amid complete impunity.

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