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AOHR UK Calls for the Release of Ten Egyptian Citizens Illegally Held in Saudi Arabia

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (<u>AOHR UK</u>) calls for the immediate and unconditional release of ten Egyptian citizens illegally held in Saudi Arabia since July 2020 without charge or trial.

AOHR UK has recently learned that ten Egyptians, of the Nubian community, are scheduled to be brought to <u>court</u> on 10 November 2021 on freedom of expression and association charges.

The ten detainees are: Adel Sayed Ibrahim Faqir, Faraj Allah Ahmed Youssef, Jamal Abdullah Masri, Muhammad Fathallah Juma'a, Hashem Shater, Ali Juma'a Ali Bahr, Saleh Juma'a Ahmad, Abd al-Salam Juma'a Ali, Abdullah Juma'a Ali Bahr, Wael Ahmed Hassan.

The ten detainees were arrested on 15 July 2020 for intending to organise a press conference which was later canceled.

The group were previously rounded up in October 2019 for planning to mark the anniversary of the 06 October 1973 war, to be later released and placed under travel ban.

Since their re-arrest, the group were denied access to lawyer and family visits.

AOHR UK condemns the continued illegal arrest of the ten Egyptians without charge or trial in violation to their rights to freedom of speech and assembly.

AOHR UK also condemns the Egyptian Consulate's passive position in support of the <u>Saudi violations</u> against the Egyptian nationals.

AOHR UK further calls for the immediate and unconditional release of the ten detainees and all prisoners of conscience held in Saudi prisons for freedom of expression charges.

AOHR UK also calls on the international community to pressure the <u>Saudi regime</u> to put an end to the arbitrary arrest of dozens of peaceful critics and civil society members, including human rights activists, academics and journalists, who are only jailed for peacefully exercising their right to freedom of expression, association or assembly.

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