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Egypt: Medical Negligence Claims More Lives of Detainees

<u>Arab Organisation for Human Rights in The UK</u> (AOHR UK) emphasised that medical negligence and ill-treatment are still claiming the lives of detainees in Egyptian detention centers.

The latest detainee, Abdel Mohsen Fouad, was transferred to Abu Zaabal Prison Hospital due to serious health deterioration, followed by his death on Friday, April, 01, 2022. The prison administration remained quiet about his death and only informed his family two days after his death.

Abdel Mohsen Fouad, from Alexandria, was arrested in August 2021, in Case No. 627 of 2021 Supreme State Security. He remained in pretrial detention in inhuman detention condition, which caused the deterioration of his health condition and his death.

In a retaliation manner, the Egyptian authorities denies the families of political victims the right to be informed about their death.

In February, the family of detainee <u>Tamer Fekry Gamaleldin</u> went to visit him in prison, where the prison authorities struck them with the news of his death, days before the visit.

Fouad is the sixth detained to die due to medical negligence inside Egyptian places of detention since the beginning of this year, bringing the number of those who killed under killed under torture and medical negligence inside Egyptian places of detention since Sisi took power to 900 people.

AOHR UK held the <u>Egyptian authorities</u> fully responsible for the death of Abdel Mohsen Fouad, and all other detainees who died in similar circumstances, due to the negligence of the prison administrations.

AOHR UK criticised the Egyptian prison administrations for refraining from transferring the sick detainees for treatment until they reach a critical and untreatable stage, in addition to refusing to release them on health grounds in accordance with the Egyptian law.

It is worth noting that the Public Prosecution office has refrained from opening investigations into the causes of death for all cases of political detainees, thus denying the deceased and his family justice.

AOHR UK called on the UN special rapporteurs to ensure the provision of the necessary heath care for the sick detainees, and to take urgent measures to save the rest of detainees from being killed under <u>medical negligence</u> which has relentlessly claimed the lives of detainees.

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