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Egyptian Detainee Suhaib Saad Emara's Death was Faster than his Freedom

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) regrets the new tragedy of the death of the young Egyptian detainee, Suhaib Saad Emara, who died in mysterious circumstances while awaiting to be released after competing his 10 years sentence in Wadi Al-Natroun prison.

Most of Suhaib's family members are held in jail, including his father Dr. Saad Amara - former MP and Chairman of the Defense and National Security Committee in the Shura Council in 2012, as well as three of his brothers, Ahmed, Osama, and Moaz.

AOHR UK points out that Suhaib's father and his two brothers, Ahmed and Osama, have been detained since July 29, 2020, while Moaz was arrested in 2013 by a group of thugs hired by the authorities, where they severely attacked him and handed him over to the police on charges of joining a banned group and participating in anti-regime demonstrations.

On August 16, 2013, Suhaib was arrested -10 years ago- and sentenced in a politicised unfair trial. He was subjected to enforced disappearance before the start of his trial, which lacked the minimum standards of a fair trial.

Following the end of his term, his family was looking forward to reuniting with him, however they were surprised by his sudden death, and received his lifeless body instead.

This year, the death toll of detainees inside Egyptian prisons and facilities has reached 24. They died under different reasons, including medical negligence and poor detention conditions.

AOHR UK emphasised that the current regime which came to power after July 3, 2013, has never accepted any request made by international organisations to inspect detention conditions; thus keeping prisons without any kind of monitoring or oversight, except for a politicised judiciary, which never investigated detainees claims of torture, enforced disappearance, or death due to medical negligence.

AOHR UK repeated its call on the international community, civil society organisations and governments around the world to stand up for human rights in Egypt, and to take the necessary action to stop the suffering of more than 65,000 political detainees, whose lives are being lost inside Egypt's inhumane detention facilities.

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