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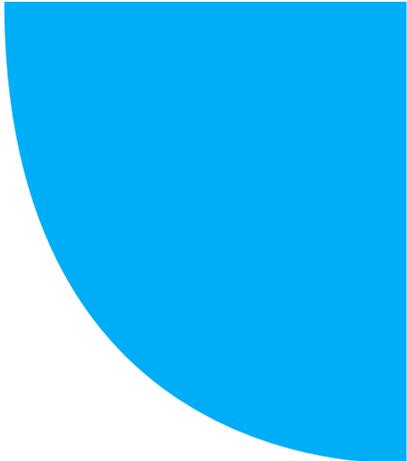


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Executive Summary

This report observes and documents the number of arrested journalists, journalists in detention departments in 2021 as well as journalists who were released with grantee of place of residence or under precautionary measures or performing a supplementary sentence or criminal sentences during 2021. The total number of these journalists - according to the observatory's standards - is 30 accused in 19 cases.

The Egyptian Observatory for Journalism and Media documented the continued imprisonment of ten journalists in detention centers by the end of 2021, 9 of them are in the continues pretrial detention, while the journalist Ismail Al-Iskandarani is still imprisoned due the verdict issued in Case No. 569 of 2015 State Security, registered as 18 of 2018 Military Felonies Court of North Cairo.

The observatory also documented arresting 7 journalists, two of them were referred to investigations by Supreme State Security Prosecution office, one of them is still under pretrial detention, the other was released, three journalists were interrogated by Qasr El Nil Minor Prosecution office and were accused with demonstration, then released with grantee of place of residence. Later a decision that there is no reason to file a criminal case and keep the investigations was issued, finally Nasr City Second Department's Prosecution interrogated two journalists and referred them to urgent trial in front of the State Security Court Emergency Section of Nasr City, they were released with financial guarantee then they were found guilty, their sentence still non-approved until the releasing this report.

During 2021, decisions were issued to release five journalists by precautionary measures, in addition to releasing other six journalists with a guarantee of place of residence, including two sentences for one female journalist in two different cases, finally the decision issued to lift the security measures, also six journalists were released with a guarantee of place of residence.

The report also documented a verdict by the Court of Cassation, the Felonies Chamber, upholding the verdict issued against the journalist Shawkan in the case known in the media by "Rabaa sit-in dispersal" and the continuation of his sentence of "police supervised parole", by spending 12 hours daily in Haram first police station¹, imposed on him under the verdict issued in case no. 2985 of 2015 East Cairo's Regional Court, which was supported by the Cassation Court, The Felonies Court, which was held in the Consultation Chamber, also decided to stop the precautionary measures imposed on the journalist Hamdi Al-Zaim in Case No. 15060 of 2016 misdemeanors, Qasr El-Nil until determining his legal status in Case No. 955 of 2020 State Security which he is still under pretrial detention for it².

The report clarifies the judicial registration numbers for each case in addition to the charges pressed; which

News published on the Al-Shorouk electronic newspaper website, published on June 14, 2021, last visit February 1, 2022, available via the [following link](#)
2- News published on the Egyptian Observatory for Press and Electronic Media website, published on March 24, 2021, entitled "dismiss of the precautionary measures of Hamdi Al-Zaeem," last visit February 3, 2022, available at the [following link](#)

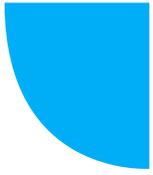
are limited to accusations of joining a terrorist group or participating in a terrorist group with knowledge of its purposes, spreading false news, misusing the internet, demonstrating and funding illegal activities.

The report also classifies the cases according to prosecution responsible for investigating journalists' cases during 2021, the report found that there are 13 cases in the State Security Prosecution, a case pending before Giza Accidents Prosecution, a case before Qasr al-Nil Partial Prosecution, a case before Nasr City Prosecution, and a case before the Central Cairo Prosecution.

Journalists are categorized by gender to 29 males and 1 female. Regarding the age groups of journalists, the report found that there are three elderly journalists, (age group from 51 to 60 years), and the rest are distributed among the rest of the age groups from (21 to 50). The report also classifies the cases of journalists according to the place of arrest.

It should be noted that the report excluded the journalist Ismail al-Iskandarani from journalists categorizing according to the responsible prosecution office or according to their accusations, as his final verdict was issued before the year 2021, and the journalist is subjected to the implementation of the penalty imposed on him during the year 2021.

Finally, this report contains a detailed explanation of journalists' cases - a total of 30 journalists - who were sent to detention centers during 2021, whether they were in pretrial detention before or after 2021, or fulfilling a court verdict, or who were released by precautionary measures or by guaranteeing their place of residence, or with a financial guarantee, or journalists who were sentenced, or who have supplementary penalties, and finally, the journalists whose cases were archived by the prosecution, by stating the details of the arrest and its date, the journalist's interrogation date, a statement of accusations, and the latest developments in those cases by the end of 2021.



Introduction

Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right according to Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”³

Freedom of expression in itself represents a supreme value that is inseparable from democracy, and regulating this freedom requires only the least restrictions that are imposed by necessity, as it is not permissible to confiscate opinions of all kinds, nor to confiscate their means or separate them from their goals, the unnecessarily intervention of the legislator to restrict the expression of certain opinions is considered a forcible silence imposed by law, chosen by the legislator as bias.

The tendency to embrace some opinions and oppress others are two evils that contradict the concept of conversation based on presenting, exchanging and persuading ideas.

The right to public conversation assumes that all opinions have the same rights and opportunity when presented⁴.

The year 2021 witnessed a continuation of repression policy, muzzling, restricting freedoms, and stifling both public and private domains. The Egyptian authorities did not stop prosecuting and arresting journalists so that they find themselves subjected to criminal investigations, and their pretrial detention in cases of a political nature due to simply doing their work. This is in addition to the continued detention of journalists in prisons for excessive pretrial detention for longer periods than what is stipulated by law. In violation of the right of individuals in freedom - and for the accused to be brought to trial and to have the right to be tried within a reasonable time or to be released - stipulated in Article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as stated in Article 14, paragraph 3, in the determination of any criminal charge against him, everyone shall be entitled to the following minimum guarantees, in full equality and to be tried without undue delay;⁵”, which requires that deprivation of liberty “pretrial detention” is not used, except in necessary cases only. In addition, prolonged pretrial detention violates the constitutional principle that: “the accused is innocent until proven guilty.” And it violates the fourth paragraph of Article 143 of Law No. 150 of 1950, the Criminal Procedure Code, according to its latest amendments⁶.

3- See the text of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, last visited January 14, 2022, available via the [following link](#)

4- Verdict in Case No. 77 of 19 Constitutional Court, February 7, 1998

5- See Articles 9, 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, published on the United Nations website, last visited January 8, 2022, available via the [following link](#)

6- See Article 143 of Law No. 150 of 1950 of Criminal Procedure Code, according to its latest amendments.

It is noteworthy that journalist Mustafa Al-Khatib, who has been in pretrial detention since October 14, 2019 until now, in the Case no.488 of 2019 State Security, in which he faces charges of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing internet⁷. As for journalist Hisham Abdel Aziz, who is being held in pretrial detention in the Case No. 1956 of 2019, Supreme State Security, he was arrested on June 20, 2019, and interrogated in Case No. 1365 of 2018 State Security, for which a release decision was issued on December 5, 2019, however, he was not released, he was interrogated in relation to first mentioned case and is being held in pretrial detention for it until now⁸.

Some journalists also suffered during 2021 from unlawful detention and deprivation of their freedom, incommunicado, in violation of the fourth principle of the “Principles relating to the Protection of All Persons Subjected to Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,” which states that “Any form of detention or imprisonment and all measures affecting the human rights of a person under any form of detention or imprisonment shall be ordered by, or be subject to the effective control of, a judicial or other authority.”⁹.

In addition to violation of Article 95 of the Egyptian Constitution, which stipulates the principle of legality of penalties: “Punishment is personal, and there is no crime or penalty except on the basis of a law, and no penalty is imposed except by a court verdict.”¹⁰

It is noteworthy that the journalist Yousry Mustafa was issued a release decision on December 13, 2020 by the Criminal Court in Case No. 441 of 2018 State Security, but he was still unlawfully detained at the October City Second Police Department, allegedly he is waiting for The National Security permission of release until he was released in January 6, 2021¹¹.

Finally, the CoronaVirus pandemic continues to cast a shadow over the renewal of detention decisions taken by the State Security Prosecution, with the precautionary measures and measures taken by the state to confront the “Corona” virus, regarding the suspension of all activities that include any large gatherings of citizens, and the issuance of the Minister of Justice’s statement to postpone court sessions for two weeks. On March 15, 2020¹², which lasted only about a month and a half¹³, with many precautionary measures such as wearing face masks and reducing the number of litigants, except for the State Security Prosecution that decided to stop bringing the accused to attend detention order renewal sessions before the prosecution from that date until early December 2021, where The State Security Prosecution was conducting the investigation with the accused and renewed their detention on paper without their presence or the presence of their legal representative¹⁴, which violates the right of the accused to attend in person before their natural judge and in the presence of a lawyer of their choice, according to section “d” of Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights¹⁵.

7- Profile of journalist, “Mustafa Al-Khatib,” published on the Freedom of Thought and Expression website, last visited January 14, 2022, available via the [following link](#)

8- Prisoners of Conscience, published on the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information website, last visited January 14, 2022, available via the [following link](#)

9- Principle 4 of the “Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment”, available on the United Nations website, last visited January 16, 2022, available from the [following link](#)

10- See Article 95 of the Egyptian Constitution.

11- News titled “Implementation of the decision to release journalist Yousry Mostafa” published on the Egyptian Observatory for Press and Media website, on January 6, 2021, last visit on January 16, 2022, available via the [following link](#)

12- News published on the Youm7 website, entitled “Courts face “Corona” by postponing its sessions for two weeks while continuing to work administratively”, the date of the visit is December 3, 2021, available via the [following link](#)

13- News published on the Youm7 website entitled “The return to work in the courts after postponing for a month and a half due to the outbreak of the Corona epidemic.” The date of the visit is December 4, 2021, available at the [following link](#)

First:

The Methodology

This report was prepared, based on a number of official documents, such as police reports, investigations by the State Security Prosecution, official communications and telegrams, and through documentation of our observatory's lawyers work through communications and complaints received from their clients, and conducting personal interviews with the families of the arrested journalists.

Lawyers refused for security reasons to mention their names for fear of being prosecuted by the Egyptian authorities as primary sources for this report, in addition to the refusal of a number of journalists - who had cases during 2021 and who were provided with legal support through the observatory - to mention their names due to the security restrictions faced by journalists in Egypt. This report also uses a number of human rights organizations' websites as complementary sources to follow the latest developments in their cases.

Through which the documentation was carried out after verifying its credibility and conformity of the journalist with the organization's standards. The report presented descriptive statistics and visual representations among a number of variables such as "age groups, gender or legal status".

The report includes the legal data of the cases, "judicial numbers, accusations, arrest location, and the latest developments in those cases", and a presentation of the journalists' personal data, "age and gender", in a manner that does not violate their privacy.

Second:

Observatory's Standards

The Observatory works on cases in which journalists are accused and sets a set of standards that it adheres to in order to include the case in this report, these standers are:

1- Definition of a journalist/media person: Every person who has been subjected to a violation in connection with the performance of his/her journalistic/media work and possesses any of the following: Evidence of his work as a member of the Journalists/Media Syndicate, a work permit or assignment from a press/media institution, a press/media archive, or a press/media institution's testimony through its media platforms or its officials.

1- That the journalist/media person was arrested - for example, but not limited to- regarding his/her journalistic/media work.

2- Was arrested while on duty.

3- Was arrested because of written press content such as; (news - reports - or any other press or media content).

4- Was arrested because of written press content such as (news - reports - or any other press or media content).

5- If he was arrested because of his job title and his work's nature as a "journalist" or "media."

It should be noted that this report provides a presentation of the legal status of journalists and media professionals who continue to be imprisoned during the year 2021, in addition to presenting the journalists and media professionals who received a release or a complementary penalty during the year 2021. The report adheres to the time limits starting from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021.

Third:

Descriptive Statistics

This section aims to provide a statistical presentation of the journalists' cases that were heard by courts and prosecutions during 2021, and these cases are classified according to the case numbers and the number of journalists in each case, and then classified according to the judicial body that heard the case, their legal status at the end of 2021, and according to their charges, and finally classify the cases according to the judgments and judicial authorities' sentences.

1. Classifying journalists' cases according to case numbers and the number of journalists in each case: Journalists' cases, totaling "30", were viewed in 2021 through 19 cases, bearing in mind that journalist Solafa Magdy was interrogated in two cases by State Security Prosecution during 2021.

N	Case number	Prosecution authority	Journalists count
1	Case No. 558 of 2020 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	2
2	Case No. 488 for 2019 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	4
3	Case No. 1956 for 2019 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
4	Case No. 1306 for the year 2020 Administrative Bulaq Al-Dakrour	Giza Accidents Prosecution	1
5	Case No. 1365 for 2018 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	4
6	Case No. 680 for 2020 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
7	Case No. 1017 for 2020 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
8	Case No. 558 for 2020 State Security Misdemeanors Emergency Section	Nasr City Second District Minor Prosecution	2
9	Case No. 1530 for 2020 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
10	Case No. 1480 for 2020 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
11	Case No. 1898 for 2019 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	2
12	Case No. 65 for 2021 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
13	Case No. 6559 of 2021 Qasr al-Nil Misdemeanor	Qasr al-Nil Minor Prosecution	3
14	Case No. 441 for 2018 State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
15	Case No. 586 for 2020 Higher State Security	Supreme State Security Prosecution	1
16	Case No. 2985 of 2015 Major Prosecution of East Cairo - Rabaa sit-in dispersal	North Cairo Prosecution	1
17	Case No. 569 for 2015 State Security, registered as 18 for 2018, Military Felonies - North Cairo	Military Prosecution	1
18	Case No. 15899 of 2013 Felonies prosecution of Nasr City First, registered as No. 2985 of 2015 Major Prosecution of East Cairo	East Cairo Prosecution	1
19	Case No. 15060 of 2016 Qasr al-Nil Misdemeanor	Central Cairo Prosecution	1

Table No. (1) The cases of journalists classified according to case numbers and the number of journalists in each case

2. Classification according to the judicial body that heard the case:

The bodies before which journalists' cases were heard by can be classified into 6 bodies, the State Security Prosecution has specialized in investigating 13 cases during the past year. The report did not mention the case of Ismail al-Iskandarani, because he is serving a prison term, and his case was not considered by any judicial body during 2021.

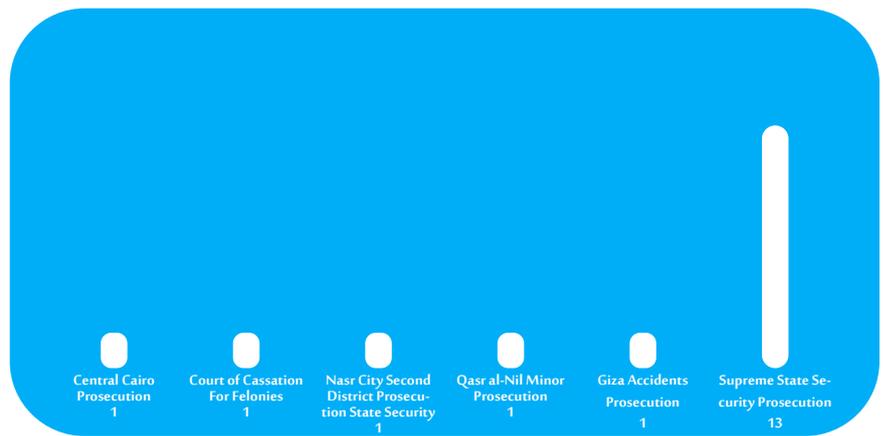
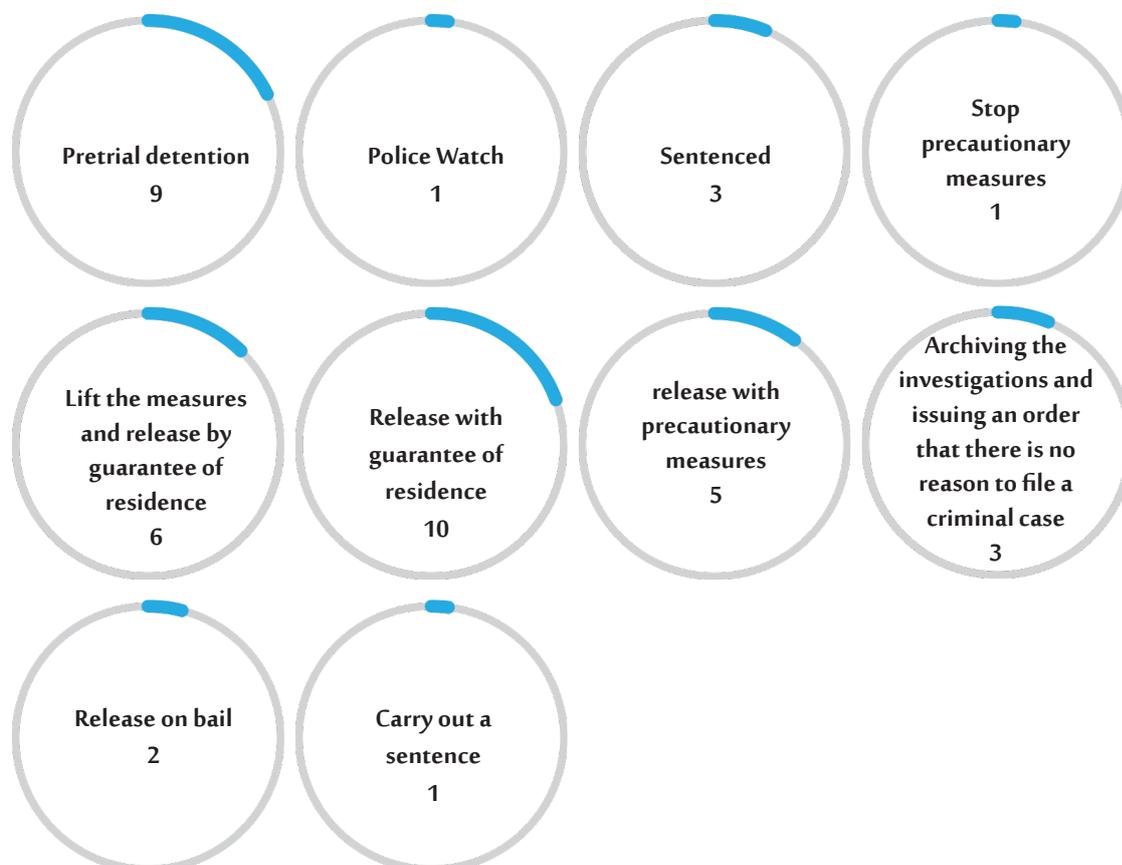


Table No. (2) classification according to the judicial body that viewed the case.

3. Classification according to legal status during 2021:

The following table classifies journalists according to their legal status in the end of 2021, taking into account that there were a number of journalists who had been issued a decision to release by precautionary measures and then the Public Prosecution decided later in the same year to dismiss precautionary measures, and there are a number of others whom The Public Prosecution Office released and later decided to archive the investigations in their case, and the Court of Cassation upheld the complementary punishment's verdict against the journalist Shawkan. In addition to the decision issued by the Criminal Court to dismiss the precautionary measures imposed on the journalist Hamdi Al-Zaim, which explains why the number of decisions exceeded the total number of cases, journalists.



4. Classification of journalists' cases arrested during 2021 according to their legal status:

The following table shows the classification of the seven journalists arrested during 2021 according to their legal status at the end of 2021, taking into account that there are three journalists whom the Public Prosecution decided to release and then decided later to archive the investigations in the case.



Table No. (4) classifying cases of journalists arrested during 2021 according to their legal status

5. Classification of journalists' cases according to the charges:

The following table shows the charges against journalists. The majority of journalists face similar charges related to joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing social media. While others face charges of demonstrating and funding. It is noted that the number of accusations is greater than the number of journalists, because there are a number of journalists who have faced more than one accusation.



Table No. (5) Classification of journalists' cases according to the charges

6. Classification of journalists' cases according to the place of arrest:

The following table shows the classification of the 30 journalists whose cases are pending during 2021, according to the place of arrest, based on the governorate to which the place of arrest belongs.

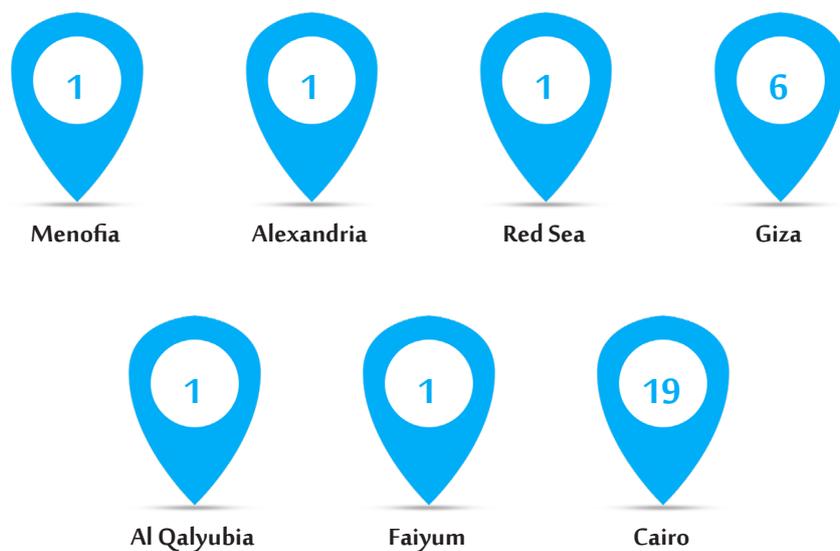


Table No. (6) Classification of journalists' cases according to the place of arrest

7. Classification of journalists according to gender:

The 30 journalists charged with cases related to their work during 2021 can be classified by gender into 29 males and 1 female.

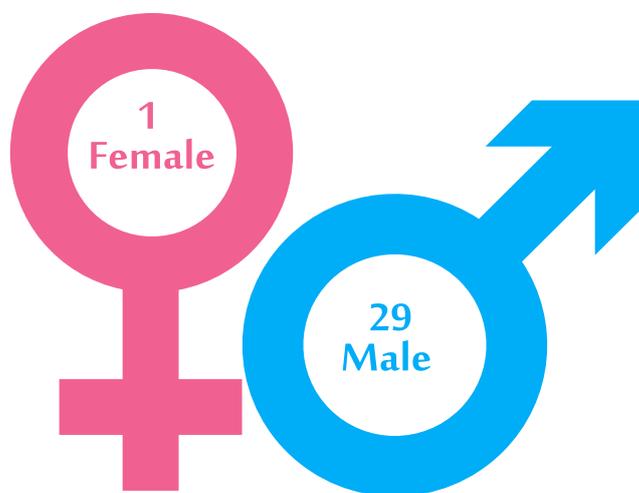


Table No. (7) Classification of journalists according to gender

8. Classification of journalists according to age groups:

The following table shows the age groups of journalists accused in cases related to their work during the year 2021, which shows that there are four elderly journalists among them that belongs to age group from 51 to 60 years.



Table No. (8) Classification of journalists according to age groups

Second:

Presenting journalists' cases' developments at the end of 2021:

This section aims to present the cases of journalists during 2021 - according to the standards of the organization - and to clarify the facts of arrest and investigation and the latest developments in these cases by the end of 2021. The report classified these journalists into three types: the first; Journalists continued to be imprisoned during 2021, and the second; Journalists who have obtained release decisions by precautionary measures or by guaranteeing their place of residence, or who have been issued a decision to stop the precautionary measures during 2021, and the third; journalists against whom complementary sanctions have been issued, or a decision has been issued by the Public Prosecution to archive their cases, or have been sentenced.

1. Cases of journalists who continue to be imprisoned during 2021:

This part aims to present the cases of journalists who were arrested before 2021 or during 2021 and their imprisonment continued during 2021, and their number is nine journalists who are in pretrial detention pending investigations in cases before the State Security Prosecution, and they faced accusations related to joining a terrorist group and publishing false news and misuse of internet, in addition to another journalist imprisoned in implementation of a court sentence issued by the military court.

Ahmed Allam



Journalist at
Al Karama newspaper

- **Case number:** 558 of 2020 State Security.
- **Date of arrest:** April 21, 2020.
- **Date of first interrogation:** April 27, 2020.
- **Accusations:** Joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing social media.
- **Legal Status:** He is being held in pretrial detention in Tora Prison.
- **Details of the incident:** On April 21, 2020, the security forces arrested him from his home in Al-Ayat - Giza Governorate, and he was held in a security agency and isolated from the outside world, until he was presented to the Supreme State Security Prosecution on April 27, 2020 that interrogated him in connection with Case 558 of 2020 State security, and the Public Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing social media. The Public Prosecution decided to imprison him for 15 days pending investigations. He is still in pretrial detention at the time of writing this report.



Bahaa El Din Ibrahim

a journalist and translator
for Al Jazeera Mubasher

- **Case number:** 1365 of 2018 High State Security.
- **Date of arrest:** February 23, 2020.
- **Date of first interrogation:** May 6, 2020.
- **Accusations:** Joining a terrorist group, spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** He is being held in pretrial detention in Tora Prison.
- **Details of the incident:** On February 23, 2020, security forces arrested him at Borg El Arab International Airport, and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on May 6, 2020 and interrogated in connection with Case No. 1365 of 2018 State Security, and the prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, the Public Prosecution decided to imprison him for 15 days pending investigations. He is still in pretrial detention until writing this report. "Bahaa" is 45 years old, and he worked as a journalist and translator for many press and media institutions, he is a father of two children.

Medhat Ramadan

Shababeek website
journalist

- **Case number:** 680 of 2020 State Security Survey
- **Date of arrest:** May 22, 2020
- **Date of first interrogation:** June 27, 2020
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, promoting the ideas of that group on social media.
- **Legal Status:** Pretrial detention in Tora prison investigation's section
- **Details of the incident:** On May 28, 2020, the security forces arrested the journalist from his family home in Menoufia Governorate, and he was held until he was presented to the Supreme State Security Prosecution on June 27, 2020, and investigated in connection with Case No. 680 of 2020 State security, and he was charged with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news and promoting the ideas of that group on social media, and the Public Prosecution decided to detain him in pretrial detention for 15 days pending the case, he still detained until writing this report.



Mustafa Al-Khatib

Translator and reporter for
the Associated Press

- **Case number:** 488 of 2019 Supreme State Security.
- **Date of arrest:** October 12, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** October 14, 2019
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and using the internet to commit this crime.
- **Legal Status:** He is being held in pretrial detention, Tora Mazraa prison.
- **Details of the incident:** On October 12, 2019, the security forces arrested the journalist from his home in Cairo, his personal phone and a laptop were seized, he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on October 14, 2019, interrogated in connection with Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security, The Public Prosecution charged him with participating in a terrorist group, publishing and broadcasting false news and statements, and misusing social media. The 42-year-old journalist is being held in prolonged pretrial detention for a period that exceeds the periods established by law.

Yahya Khalafallah

Editor-in-chief of
Yaqin News Network

- **Case number:** 1306 of 2020 Administrative Boulaq El-Dakrou
- **Date of arrest:** December 23, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** February 7, 2020
- **Accusations:** participation of a group founded against the law, and spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** pretrial detained in Al-Qanater prison for men
- **Details of the incident:** On September 23, 2019, the security forces arrested the journalist from his home by the security forces, and seized a number of movables, cameras of different types, camera lenses, camera batteries, a printing machine, memory flashes, and a hard disk. On February 7, 2020, the journalist was interrogated by the Giza Accidents Prosecution, his case was registered as number 1306 of 2020 in Bulaq El-Dakrou administrative, The Public Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group and spreading false news. The Public Prosecution decided to hold him in pretrial detention for 15 days pending investigations. The case is still under investigation and no decision has been taken. The journalist is still in pretrial detention so far exceeding the prescribed legal periods.



Amer Abdel Moneim

Editor-in-chief of the
ElShaab "People's" Newspaper

- **Case number:** 1017 of 2020 High State Security Survey
- **Date of arrest:** December 19, 2020
- **Date of first interrogation:** December 20, 2020
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing social media
- **Legal Status:** He is being held in pretrial detention in Tora Prison.
- **Details of the incident:** On December 19, 2020, the security forces arrested Amer after storming his house in Alharam "Pyramed" street, and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on December 20, 2020, for interrogation in Case No. 1017 of 2020 State Security, and the State Security Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misuse of social media, the prosecution decided to imprison him for 15 days pending investigations. He is still in pretrial detention until writing this report.



Ahmed Abu Khalil

Editor-in-chief of
ida2at website

- **Case number:** 558 of 2020 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** 06/03/2020
- **Date of first interrogation:** 06/13/2020.
- **Accusations:** spreading false news, misuse of social media
- **Legal Status:** Pretrial Detained
- **Details of the incident:** On June 3, 2020, the security forces arrested the journalist from his home, and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on June 13, 2020, that interrogated him in connection with Case No. 558 of 2020 State Security Restriction. The Public Prosecution charged him with joining a group founded in violation of the law, spreading false news, misuse of the internet, the prosecution decided to hold him in pretrial detention for 15 days pending investigations. He is still in pretrial detention at the time of writing this report.



Hisham Abdel Aziz

editor and programs producer
for Al Jazeera channels

- **Case number:** 1956 of 2019 High State Security
- **Date of arrest:** 06/2/2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** unknown
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group and spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** Pretrial detention in Tora prison investigation section
- **Details of the incident:** On December 5, 2019, a decision was issued by the Criminal Court to release Hisham in Case No. 1365 of 2018 State Security, he was transferred to the police station of his place of residence “Hadayek al-Qubba Police Department” to enforce the decision to release him, but he was detained and isolated without any justification until his family knew he is in Torra prison investigation section, he was charged in a new case with the same accusations in the previous one, he was brought before the State Security Prosecution and interrogated in Case No. 1956 of 2019 State Security. The prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group and spreading false news, and he was remanded in custody pending the case, and the journalist is still being held in pretrial detention for a period that exceeded the prescribed periods according to the law.



Rabea Al-Sheikh

a journalist for
Al-Jazeera Mubasher

- **Case number:** (1365 of 2018) Supreme State Security
- **Date of arrest:** August 1, 2021
- **Date of first interrogation:** August 2, 2021
- **Charges:** joining a terrorist group, funding, and spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** He is being held in pretrial detention pending investigations in Tora Prison.
- **Details of the incident:** On August 1, 2021, the security forces arrested the journalist from Cairo Airport, upon his arrival at Cairo International Airport to spend a short vacation with his family. He was presented to the State Security Prosecution on August 2, 2021, pending case No. 1365 of 2018 State Security. The prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, funding, and publishing false news, and decided to detain him for 15 days pending investigations. His detention was renewed before the State Security Prosecution without his presence or his legal representative presence, he is still in pretrial detention at the time of writing this report.



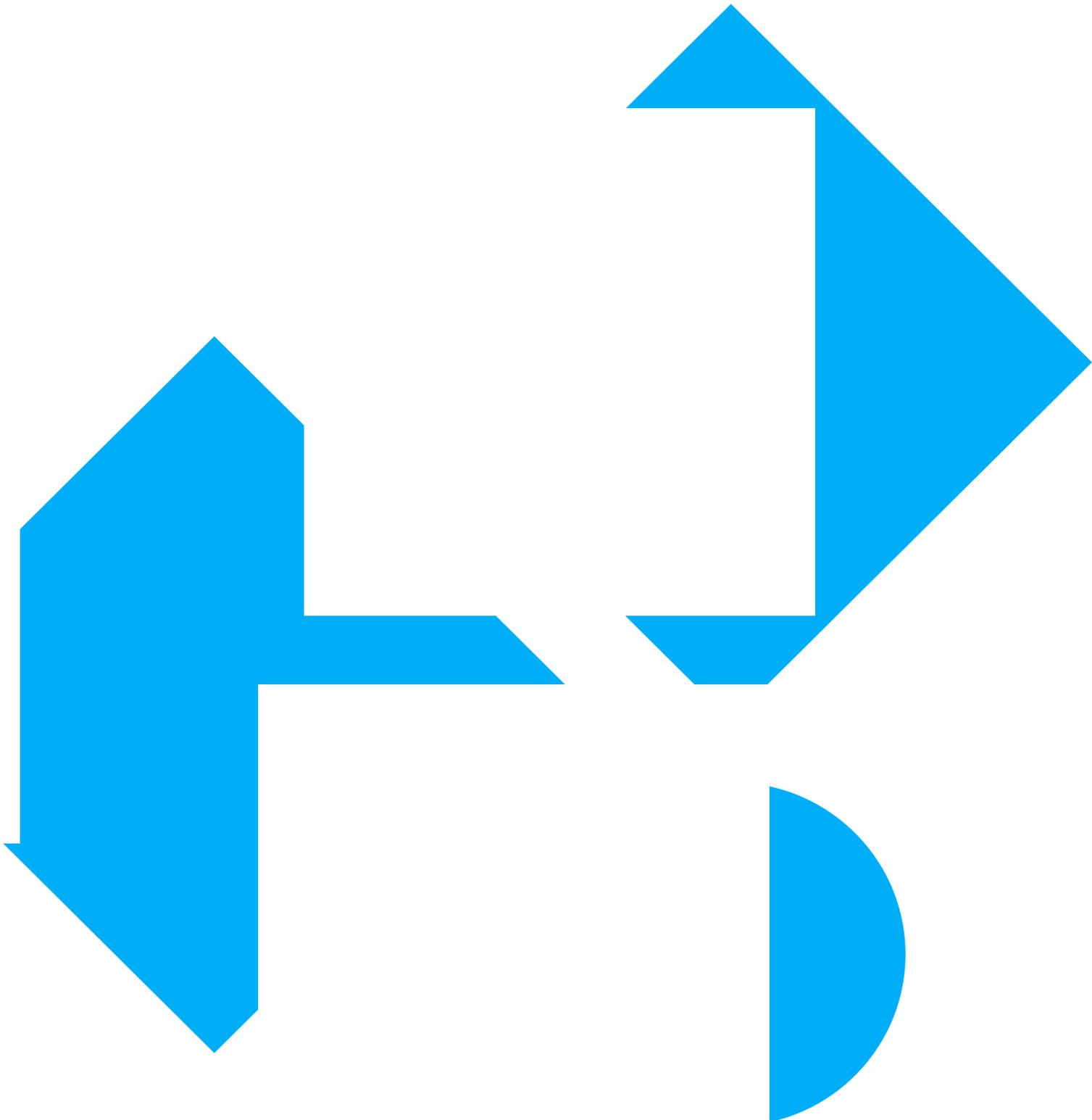
Ismail Al-Iskandarani

Journalist on Assafir
Elaraby website

- **Case number:** 569 of 2015 State Security and registered 18 of 2018 military felonies north of Cairo
- **Date of arrest:** November 29, 2015
- **Date of first interrogation:** December 1, 2015
- **Accusations:** joining a group founded in violation of the law, spreading false news, and publishing a military secret.
- **Legal Status:** imprisoned for executing a sentence.
- **Date of sentencing:** May 22, 2018 ten years' imprisonment.
- **Details of the incident:** On November 29, 2015, the security forces arrested Ismail from Hurghada Airport while returning from the German capital, Berlin, based on an arrest warrant issued by the Public Prosecution in advance because his name was mentioned as one of the accused in one of the investigation records held by the National Security Agency, in a case dated March 2015. He was brought before the Supreme State Security Prosecution on December 1, 2015, and was charged with joining the Muslim Brotherhood, broadcasting a military defense secret, and spreading false news outside the country. A decision was issued to imprison him for 15 days, and Ismail remained in pretrial detention, which exceeded the legal periods established by law. Until the State Security Prosecution decided to refer him to the Military Prosecution, and he was referred to trial on charges of joining a group founded against the law, broadcasting false news, and publishing a military secret, in Case 18 of 2018, North Cairo Military Felonies, and the case was processed in multi sessions until the military court sentence was issued on 22, May 2018, he was sentenced 10 years, and on December 28, 2018, the sentence was ratified to become final and conclusive.

2- Cases of journalists arrested before 2021 and released during 2021

This part aims to shed light on the cases of journalists released during the year 2021, whether by precautionary measures or by guaranteeing their place of residence, ten of these journalists were released under the guarantee of their residence during 2021, five journalists were released by precautionary measures, and six journalists' precautionary measures were dismissed and released under a guarantee of the place of residence, and finally, a journalist whose precautionary measures were imposed on him were dismissed.





Mahmoud Hussein Gomaa

Correspondent Director of Al Jazeera's office in Cairo

- **Case number:** 1365 of 2018 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** December 21, 2016
- **Date of first interrogation:** May 25, 2019
- **Accusations:** Joining a terrorist group, spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** Released with precautionary measures on February 1, 2021
- **Details of the incident:** On December 21, 2016, the security forces arrested journalist Mahmoud Hussein Gomaa, and he was investigated by the State Security Prosecution in Case No. 1152 of 2016 State Security, in which he faced accusations of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and remained under pretrial detention in this case, until the decision of the Criminal Court held in the Consultation Room on May 21, 2019 to replace his pretrial detention with one of the precautionary measures, and the journalist moved from the prison where he was deposited to the police station of his place of residence to complete the procedures for his release, but he was surprised to be presented again before the State Security Prosecution on May 25, 2019 who interrogated him in a new case, which is Case No. 1365 of 2019, he faces the same accusations in the first case, and the journalist remained in pretrial detention until the Criminal Court decided on February 1, 2021 to release him with precautionary measures, and the journalist is still performing the imposed precautionary measures, measures are renewed until the date of the report.

Muhammad Misbah

freelance photojournalist

- **Case number:** 1365 of 2018 State Security Survey
- **Date of arrest:** January 3, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** January 13, 2019
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of place of residence on February 15, 2021
- **Details of the incident:** On January 3, 2019, the security forces arrested journalist Muhammad Misbah Jibril and one of his colleagues, on the background of conducting a press interview with former parliamentarian Muhammad Anwar al-Sadat, and on January 13, 2019, he was presented to the State Security Prosecution and investigated in Case No. 1365 of 2018. The State Security Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing an account on the international information network. He remained in pretrial detention pending this case until the State Security Prosecution decided after more than two years of pretrial detention to release him under the guarantee of his place of residence on February 15, 2021.



Mustafa Saqr

Editor-in-chief of
Al Borsa newspaper

- **Case number:** 1530 of 2020 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** April 12, 2020
- **Date of first interrogation:** April 12, 2020
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on guarantee of place of residence on June 23, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On April 12, 2020, the security forces arrested journalist Mustafa Saqr from his home, and on the same date he was presented to the State Security Prosecution and interrogated in Case No. 1530 of 2020. The State Security Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing an account on the World Wide Web. He remained in pretrial detention pending this case until the Criminal Court's counseling room decided to release him with precautionary measures in the March 6, 2021 session, then the State Security Prosecution decided on June 23, 2021, to dismiss these precautionary measures and release him under the guarantee of his place of residence.



Islam Al-Kalhi

News Editor at Darb News

- **Case number:** 855 of 2020 State Security Survey
- **Date of arrest:** September 9, 2020
- **Date of first interrogation:** September 10, 2020
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of place of residence on April 7, 2021
- **Details of the incident:** On September 9, 2020, the security forces arrested the journalist, while he was covering the death of a young man named Islam Al Australi, in the vicinity of Al Muneeb Police Station. On September 10, 2020, he was presented to the State Security Prosecution in Case No. 855 of 2020 State Security, and the State Security Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing an account on the international information network. He remained in pretrial detention pending this case until the Criminal Court's counseling room decided to release the journalist with precautionary measures at the March 7, 2021 session, then the State Security Prosecution decided on April 7, 2021 to dismiss the precautionary measures and release him under the guarantee of his place of residence.



Hassan Al-Qabbani

Journalist at
al Karama newspaper

- **Case number:** 1480 of 2019 State Security Survey
- **Date of arrest:** September 18, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** September 10, 2020
- **Accusations:** Participation of a terrorist group with knowledge of its purposes, spreading false news, misuse of the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of residence on April 25, 2021
- **Details of the incident:** On September 18, 2019, the security forces arrested Al-Qabbani, from the October Police Station, while he was carrying out the precautionary measures imposed on him in Case No. 718 of 2015 State Security, until he appeared at the State Security Prosecution on September 10, 2020, and the prosecution charged him with participating in a terrorist group with knowledge of its purposes, spreading false news, and misusing the international information network. As he and others faced the same charges of the previous case in connection with that case, Al-Qabbani remained in pretrial detention until the Criminal Court's counseling room decided to release the journalist with precautionary measures on March 7, 2021, and then the State Security Prosecution decided on April 25, 2021, to dismiss the precautionary measures and to release him under the guarantee of his place of residence.

Solafa Magdy

freelancer news reporter

- **Case number:** 488 of 2019 State Security and Case No. 855 of 2020 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** November 26, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** November 27, 2019, in Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security. August 30, 2020, in the second case, 855 of 2020, state security.
- **Accusations:** In Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security: Participation with a terrorist group with knowledge of its purposes, spreading false news, misuse of the international information network. in case 855 of 2020 State Security: joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of place of residence on April 13, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On November 26, 2019, the security forces arrested Solafa, accompanied by her husband, journalist Hossam Al-Sayyad, from a street in the Dokki area, and presented her to the State Security Prosecution on November 27, 2019, who interrogated her in connection with Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security. the State Security Prosecution charged her with participating in a terrorist group with knowledge of its purposes, spreading false news, and misusing the international information network. Solafa remained in pretrial detention, until she was summoned from her prison and presented to the State Security Prosecution and interrogated in another case that was registered in No. 855 of 2020 State Security. In that case, the State Security Prosecution charged her with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing the international information network, claiming to communicate from inside the prison with leftist groups to incite against the state, through visits and renewal sessions. The Public Prosecution decided to imprison her for 15 days pending investigations, starting from the date of her release in Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security. Solafa remained in pretrial detention until the State Security Prosecution decided on April 13, 2021 to release her under the guarantee of her place of residence in the two cases.



Moataz Wadnan

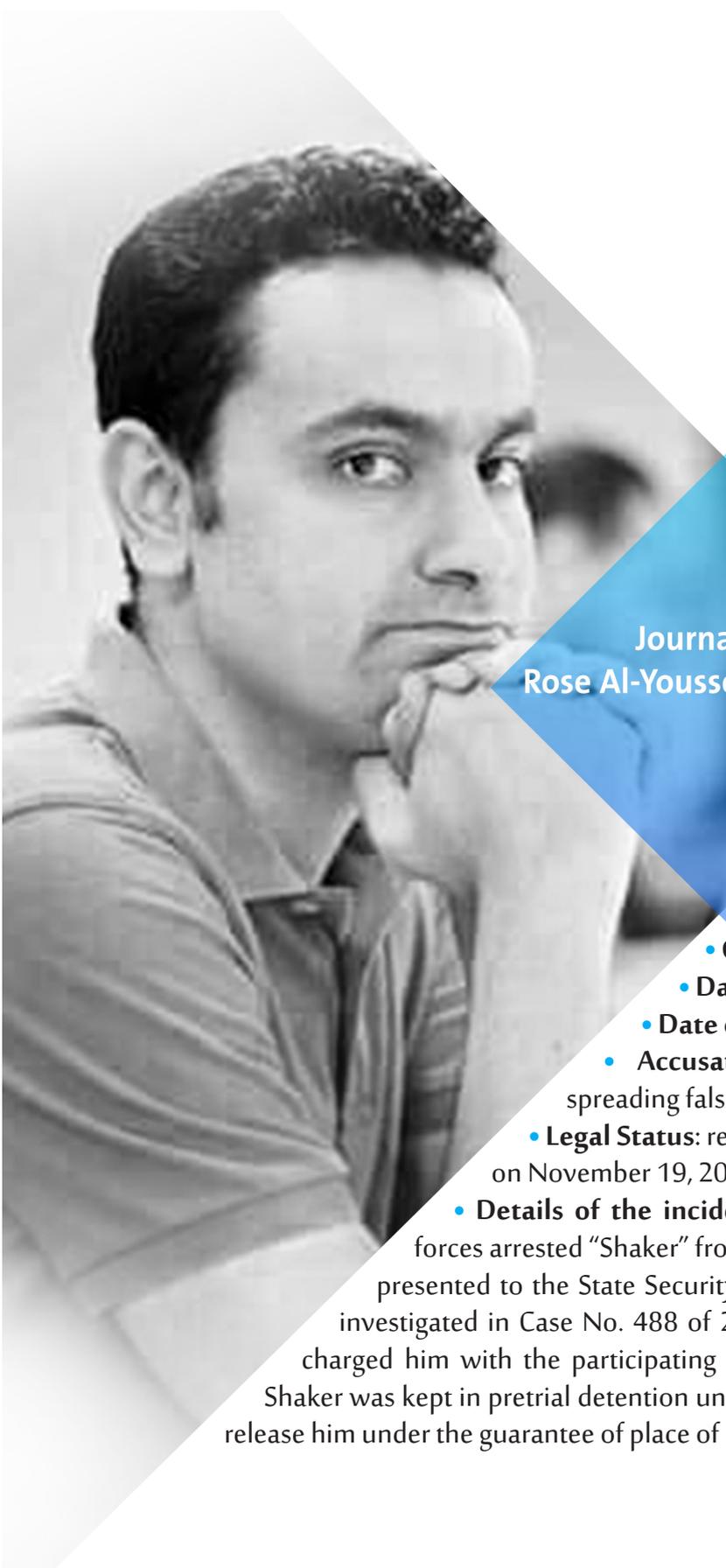
HuffPost News Editor

- **Case number:** 1898 of 2019 State Security.
- **Date of arrest:** February 16, 2018.
- **Date of first interrogation:** May 9, 2020.
- **Accusations:** Participating in a terrorist group, and promoting the ideas of that group to commit terrorist acts.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of residence on July 18, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On February 16, 2018, the security forces arrested “Wadnan” from his car in an ambush on the Ring Road, for conducting a press interview with Counselor Hisham Genena, and he appeared at the State Security Prosecution on February 20, 2018, for interrogation in Case No. 441 of 2018, State Security, accusing him with joining a terrorist group, and publishing false news and statements, Wadnan remained in pretrial detention for a period that exceeded the prescribed periods according to the law until the State Security Prosecution decided to release him with a guarantee of place of residence on May 7, 2020, and he was transferred to the headquarters The police station affiliated to his place of residence to carry on the release decision, but he was surprised on May 9, 2021, that the release decision was not carried out and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution and interrogated in Case No. 1898 of 2019 State Security. The prosecution charged him with participating in a terrorist group with knowledge of its purposes and promoting its ideas for the purpose of committing terrorist acts. Wadnan remained in pretrial detention until the State Security Prosecution decided to release him under the guarantee of his place of residence on July 18, 2021.

Ahmed Khalifa

News editor
for 360 website

- **Case number:** 65 of 2021 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** January 6, 2021
- **Date of first interrogation:** January 19, 2021
- **Accusations :** Joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing social media.
- **Legal Status:** Released with the guarantee of place of residence on September 8, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On January 6, 2021, "Khalifa" was arrested after being summoned by the National Security for questioning, but he was arrested and presented to the State Security Prosecution on January 19, 2021, and interrogated in Case No. 65 of 2021 State Security, The Public Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing social media. He remained in pretrial detention until the Criminal Court's consultation room, held its session on July 4, 2021, decided to release the journalist with precautionary measures, and "Khalifa" continued to perform the precautionary measures imposed on him by the court's decision until the State Security Prosecution decided to dismiss the precautionary measures and release him under the guarantee of his place of residence. On September 8, 2021.



Ahmed Shaker

Journalist at
Rose Al-Youssef newspaper

- **Case number:** 488 of 2019 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** November 28, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** November 30, 2019
- **Accusations:** Participating in a terrorist group, spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of place of residence on November 19, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On November 28, 2019, the security forces arrested “Shaker” from his home in Toukh, Qalyubia, and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on November 30, 2019, and investigated in Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security, the Public Prosecution charged him with the participating in a terrorist group, spreading false news. Shaker was kept in pretrial detention until the State Security Prosecution decided to release him under the guarantee of place of residence on November 19, 2021.



Hossam El-Sayyad

freelance photojournalist

- **Case number:** 488 of 2019 State Security
- **Date of arrest:** November 26, 2019
- **Date of first interrogation:** November 27, 2019
- **Accusations:** Participating in a terrorist group, spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** released on guarantee of place residence on April 13, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On November 26, 2019, the security forces arrested journalist Hossam al-Sayyad, accompanied by his wife, Solafa, from a street in Dokki area. He was presented to the State Security Prosecution on November 27, 2019, and he was interrogated in connection with Case No. 488 of 2019 State Security and accused by the State Security Prosecution of joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing the international information network. "Hossam al-Sayyad" remained in pretrial detention, until the State Security Prosecution decided to release him under the guarantee of his place of residence on April 13, 2021.

Mustafa Al-Aasar

freelance photojournalist

- **Case number:** 1898 of 2019 State Security Survey.
- **Date of arrest:** February 4, 2018.
- **Date of first interrogation:** May 9, 2020.
- **Accusations:** Participating in a terrorist group, spreading false news.
- **Legal Status:** released with a guarantee of the place of residence on July 18, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On February 4, 2018, the security forces arrested Al-Aasar from a taxi in Faisal neighborhood in Giza Governorate, presented him to the State Security Prosecution on February 15, 2018, who interrogated him in Case No. 441 of 2018 State Security, the Public Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group and spreading false news, and he remained in pretrial detention for a period that exceeded the prescribed periods according to the law until the State Security Prosecution decided to release him under the guarantee of place of residence on May 7, 2020, and he was transferred to the police station of his place of residence to complete the release procedures, to be surprised that he is facing accusations in another case, presented again to the State Security Prosecution on May 9, 2020 in Case No. 1898 of 2019 State Security, who charged him with the same accusations previously brought against him in the first case. Al-Aasar remained in pretrial detention until the State Security Prosecution decided to release him under the guarantee of his place of residence on July 18, 2021.



Yousry Mustafa

Journalist at
Tawasul newspaper

- **Case number:** 441 of 2018 State Security.
- **Date of arrest:** April 16, 2019.
- **Date of first interrogation:** July 3, 2019.
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on the guarantee of place of residence on April 12, 2021.
- **Details of the incident:** On April 16, 2019, the security forces arrested “Yousry” from Cairo Airport, and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on July 3, 2019, and interrogated in Case No. 441 of 2018 Supreme State Security, and the charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network. He remained in pretrial detention until the Criminal Court's Consultation Chamber held on December 13, 2020, decided to release him with precautionary measures. On April 12, 2021. he carried out measures until the State Security prosecution decided to dismiss it and to release him with guarantee of place of residence on April 12, 2021.

Haitham Hassan



Journalist at
Al-Masry Al-Youm newspaper

- **Case number:** 586 of 2020 State Security Survey
- **Date of arrest:** May 11, 2020
- **Date of first interrogation:** May 13, 2020
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, misusing the international information network.
- **Legal Status:** release on guarantee of place of residence on January 12, 2021
- **Details of the incident:** On May 11, 2020, the security forces arrested “Haitham” from his home, and presented him to the State Security Prosecution on May 13, 2020, in Case No. 586 of 2020 State Security. The Public Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group and spreading false news, misuse of the international information network. Haitham remained in pretrial detention until the Criminal Court’s consultation chamber decided to release him with precautionary measures on the November 2, 2020, session. with the grantee of place of residence.

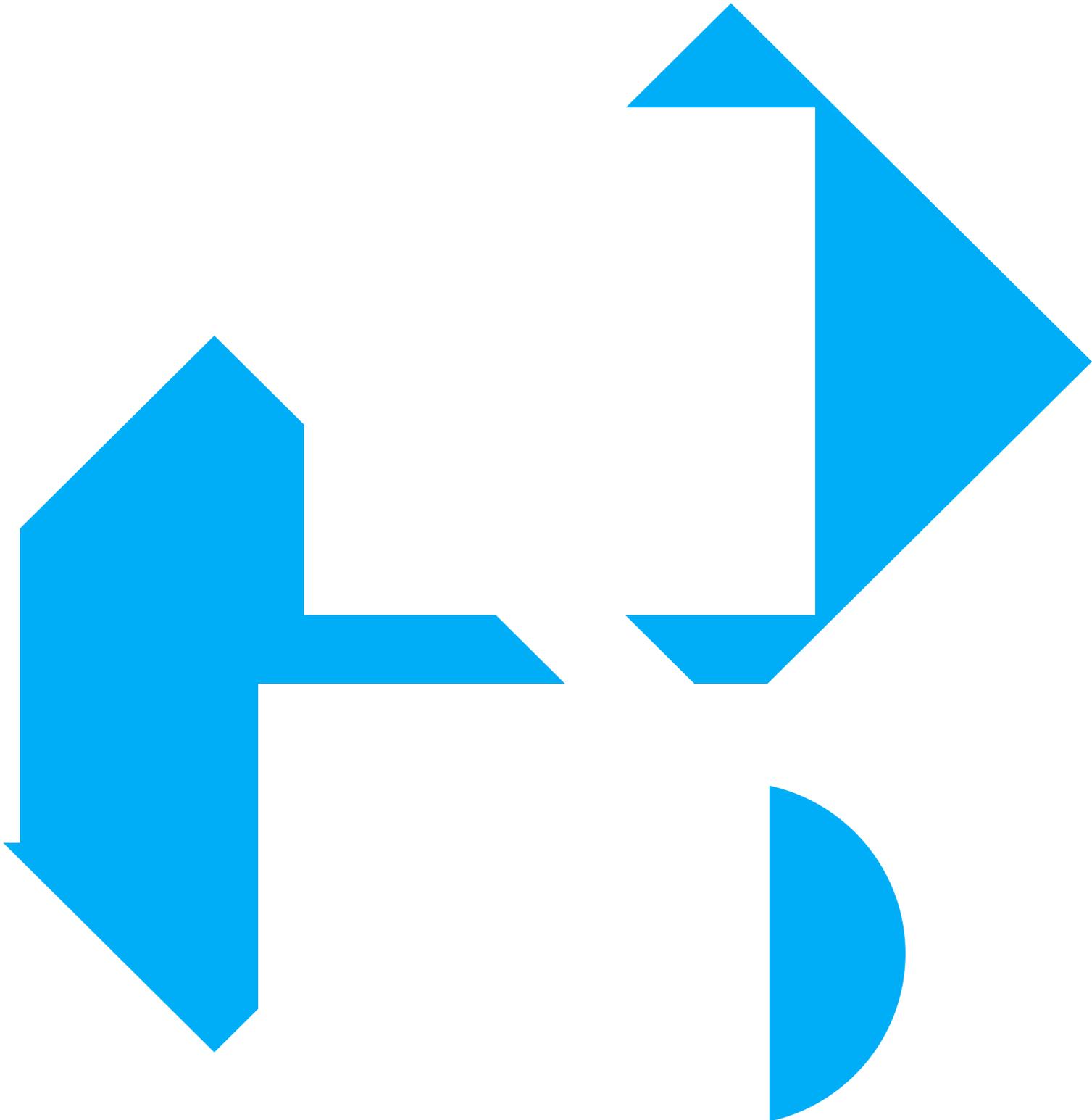
Hamdi Al-Zaim

- **Case number:** 16050 of 2016 Qasr El Nil misdemeanor
- **Date of arrest:** September 26, 2016
- **Date of first interrogation:** September 27, 2016
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, calling for demonstrations.
- **Legal Status:** precautionary measures dismissed on March 24, 2021.

• **Details of the incident:** On September 26, 2016, the security forces arrested the journalist along with other journalists from the vicinity of the Syndicate of Journalists, while they were filming a press report before they were led to the Qasr El Nil Police Station, and they were presented on September 27, 2016, to the Public Prosecution in case No. 16050 of 2016 Qasr al-Nil misdemeanor, the prosecution charged the three journalists with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and calling for demonstrations without an authoritative approval. the prosecutors decided to detain them for 15 days under investigation, Hamdi Al-Zaim remained in pretrial detention until the court of felonies held in consultation chamber released him with precautionary measures, the appeal prosecution decided to appeal the release decision, the next day the felonies court decided to reject the prosecution's appeal and uphold the release decision with precautionary measures. he continued to carry out the precautionary measures imposed on him until he was arrested again on January 4, 2021, and detained in the quarantine hospital in Abbasiya on suspicion of being infected with the Coronavirus "Covid-19", and he was presented to the State Security Prosecution on January 16, 2021, interrogated in Case No. 955 of 2020 State security, the Public Prosecution charged him with joining a terrorist group, spreading false news, and misusing social media. On March 24, 2021, in the hearing of renewing measures before the Criminal Court, Al-Zaim's lawyers submitted what was stated that he was under pretrial detention in the aforementioned case. And the court decided to dismiss the precautionary measures imposed on him until his legal status was determined in Case No. 955 of 2020 State Security.

3. Cases of journalists who have been convicted, or serving a complementary sentence, or whose cases are closed during 2021

This part aims to shed light on the cases of journalists who have received criminal sentences during 2021 or who are serving a complementary sentence “police monitoring” or whose cases have been closed with the issuance of an order that there is no reason to file a criminal case. Knowing that there are three journalists whose case details will be presented under the title "The Arrest of Three Journalists", with their names anonymized because of their refusal to be mentioned by name.



Moamen Samir

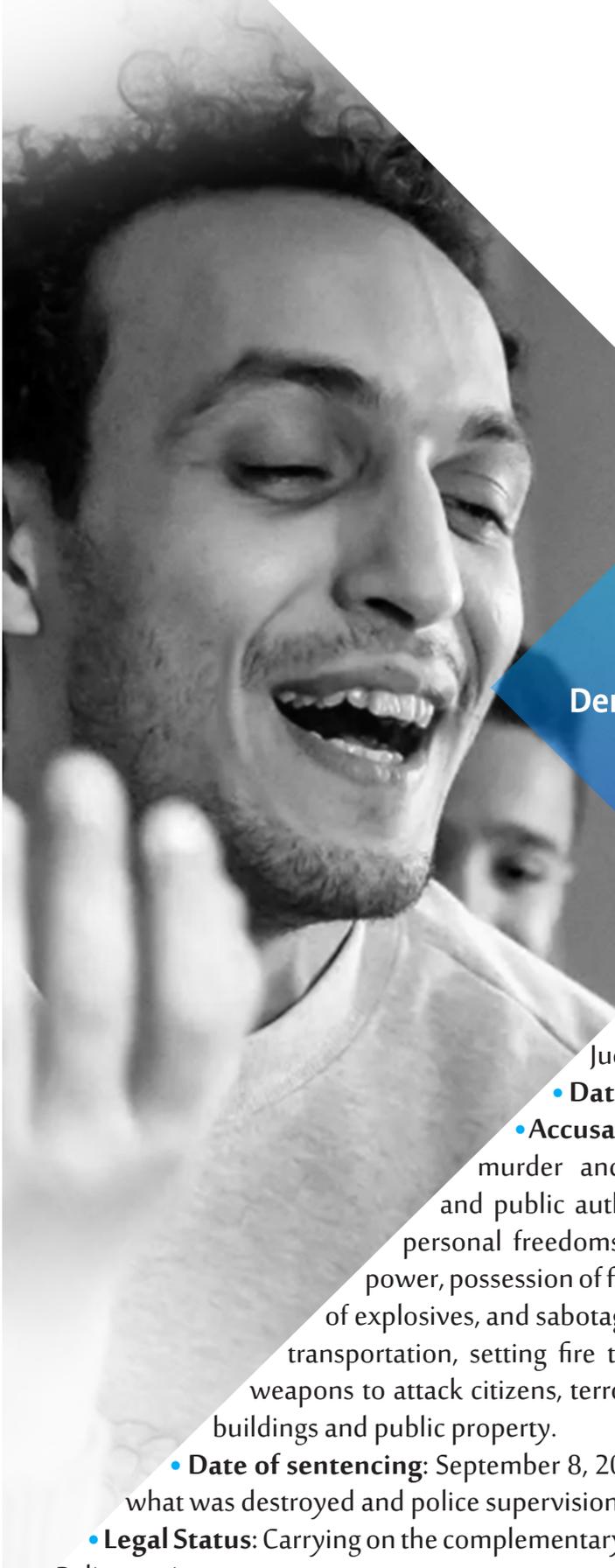
Photojournalist
.in Cairo 24 website

- **Case number:** 2 of 2021 State Security Misdemeanor - Emergency section, Second District Nasr City
- **Date of arrest:** January 2, 2021
- **Sentence date:** June 10, 2021
- **Legal Status:** one-year prison sentence was issued against him with a bail of 5000 to stop execution.
- **Accusations:** spreading false news
- **Details of the incident:** On January 2, 2021, the security forces arrested the journalist and his colleague from Al-Abbasiya Sadr Hospital while his friend's mother was being detained in the hospital for treatment, after they filmed inside the hospital corridors to expose dereliction inside it, so the administrative staff detained them and summoned the security forces of second Nasr City police station, they were presented to a second Nasr City prosecutor and interrogated in Case No. 2 of 2021 State Security Misdemeanor section - Emergency, Second of Nasr City, and the Public Prosecution charged them with spreading false news, and the Public Prosecution decided to release them on financial bail, and the Public Prosecution referred them to trial on charges of spreading and rumoring false news according to Article 102 B of Penal Code before State Security Misdemeanors Court - Emergency section of Nasr City, and in the July 10, 2021 session, the court sentenced them one year in prison and a bail of 5000 pounds to stop the sentence plus expenses.

Islam Saeed

Photojournalist
.Cairo 24 website

- **Case number:** 2 of 2021 State Security Misdemeanor - Emergency section, Nasr City's Second Department
- **Date of arrest:** January 2, 2021
- **Sentence Date:** June 10, 2021
- **Accusations:** spreading false news
- **Legal Status:** one-year prison sentence with a bail of 5000 to stop execution.
- **Details of the incident:** On January 2, 2021, the journalist and his colleague were arrested inside Al-Abbasiya Hospital while his mother was being detained in the hospital for treatment, after they filmed inside the hospital corridors to expose dereliction inside it, so the administrative staff detained them and summoned the security forces of Nasr City Police's Second Department, and they were presented to the Nasr City Second Department Prosecution and interrogated in Case No. 2 of 2021 State Security Misdemeanor - Emergency Section, Nasr City's Second Department, and the prosecution charged him with spreading false news, and decided to release them on financial bail, and referred them to trial on charges of publishing and spreading false news According to Article 102 B of Penal Code before the State Security Misdemeanors Court - Emergency Section in Nasr City Second Department, and in the session of July 10, 2021, the court sentenced him one year in prison and a bail of 5000 pounds to stop execution and expenses.



Mahmoud Shawkan

,photojournalist
Demotix News Agency

- **Case number:** 15899 of 2013 Felonies of the First City of Nasr, registered as No. 2985 of 2015 East Cairo, registered with Judicial No. 17324 of 89th Judicial year.
- **Date of arrest:** August 14, 2013.
- **Accusations:** joining a terrorist group, gathering, premeditated murder and attempted murder, preventing state institutions and public authorities from carrying out their work, assaulting the personal freedoms of citizens, harming national unity and displaying power, possession of firearms and ammunition without a license, possession of explosives, and sabotaging public financial assets and roads. Disrupting land transportation, setting fire to the Rabaa al-Adawiya Mosque, possessing white weapons to attack citizens, terrorism and disturbing public security, and vandalizing buildings and public property.
- **Date of sentencing:** September 8, 2018, five years in strict imprisonment, with refunds of what was destroyed and police supervision.
- **Legal Status:** Carrying on the complementary sentence of 12-hour police surveillance in the Haram Police station.
- **Details of the incident:** On August 14, 2013, security forces arrested "Shawkan" while he was taking pictures on Tayaran Street, Nasr City, Cairo Governorate, during the dispersal of the sit-in of former President Mohamed Morsi's supporters in Rabaa Al-Adawiya Square by the security forces, with the authorization of the press agency in which he works, after an invitation by the security forces to various local and foreign media to cover the dispersal, was referred to trial in the case known in media as the dispersal of the Rabaa sit-in, and "Shawkan" faced accusations of joining a terrorist group, gathering, premeditated murder and attempted

murder. Preventing state institutions and public authorities from carrying out their duties, assaulting the personal freedoms of citizens, harming national unity and displaying force, possession of firearms and ammunition without a license, possession of explosives, sabotaging public money and roads, disrupting land transportation, setting fire to the Rabaa al-Adawiya Mosque, and possession of white weapons. To attack citizens, terrorism, disturb public security and vandalize buildings and public property. And this was before the 28th Criminal Court held at the Institute of Police Secretaries in Tora, and on the September 8, 2018 session, the court sentenced Shawkan to “five years in prison with strict imprisonment with refunding amounts of what was destroyed and police surveillance for a period similar to the imprisonment.” After “Shawkan” did the sentence imposed on him, plus six months (the penalty of physical coercion for not paying criminal expenses and compensation). He was released on March 4, 2019, and since that date, "Shawkan" has been serving the complementary sentence imposed on him, "with twelve hours of police surveillance a day inside the Haram police station " the station of his place of residence". His lawyer decided to appeal the ruling before the Court of Cassation, and on June 14, 2021, the Court of Cassation upheld the verdict against Shawkan.



The arrest of 3 journalists in front of the Doctors Syndicate

- **Case number:** 6559 of 2021, Qasr al-Nil misdemeanor, registered with No. 4511 of 2021, the administrative- Qasr al-Nil
- **Date of arrest:** September 7, 2021
- **Date of first interrogation:** September 8, 2021
- **Accusations:**Protesting
- **Legal Status:** The Public Prosecution decided to dismiss, as there is no reason to file a lawsuit and archived the investigations on October 20, 2021
- **Details of the incident:** On September 7, 2021, the security forces arrested three journalists in front of the Doctors Syndicate on Al-Qasr Al-Aini Street while they were carrying out their work, with the press coverage of a conference of a doctor in the Medical Syndicate. they were shocked as the conference didn't take place and dozens of young people gathered holding signboards to support the doctor, they were arrested by the security forces, and on September 8, 2021, the journalists were presented to the Qasr Al-Nil District Prosecution in Case No. 6559 of 2021, Qasr Al-Nil misdemeanor, and the prosecution charged them with participating in the demonstration without an authoritative permit, and on September 9, 2021, prosecution released the journalists under the guarantee of the place of residence, and on October 20, 2021, the prosecution ordered that there is no reason to file a lawsuit and preserve the investigations, and the investigation record was registered with No. 4511 of 2021 Administrative- Qasr Al-Nil.