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## EGYPT

### **AMAL FATHY SENTENCED FOR HER PEACEFUL ACTIVISM**

**On 29 September, the Maadi Misdamenour court sentenced Amal Fathy to two years in prison and a fine of 10,000 EGP (560 USD). The bail to temporarily suspend her sentence was set at 20,000 EGP (1,120 USD). The first appeal hearing is set for 25 November.**

On 29 September, Egyptian woman human rights defender, Amal Fathy, was sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of 10,000 EGP (560 USD). The bail to temporarily suspend her sentence was set at 20,000 EGP (1,120 USD). The court convicted Amal on three accounts and sentenced her to one year for each of the charges of "spreading false news with intent to harm the Egyptian state" and possessing "indecent material", and given a fine of 10,000 Egyptian pounds (560 USD) for making "public insults" - all of this for posting a Facebook video in which she decries sexual harassment and criticizes the Egyptian authorities for failing to protect women.



Amal Fathy had already spent nearly 5 months in prison since her arbitrary arrest. Her lawyers paid the bail and fine to suspend her sentence, however Amal Fathy remains imprisoned as the state security prosecutor renewed her pre-trial detention in a second case against her for 15 more days on 27 September. Amal is facing additional charges in a separate case including "belonging to a terrorist group," "broadcasting ideas calling for terrorist acts" and "publishing false news". On 14 October, the State Security prosecutor will decide on whether to renew her detention for 15 more days.

Amal Fathy was detained by police on 11 May 2018 after she posted a video on her Facebook page in which she shared her experience of sexual harassment, highlighted the prevalence of the issue in Egypt and criticized the government's failure to protect women as well as the deteriorating socio-economic situation in Egypt.

Amnesty International considers Amal Fathy to be a prisoner of conscience detained solely for the peaceful exercise of her right to freedom of expression.

**Please write again, urging the authorities**

- \* to immediately and unconditionally release Amal Fathy as she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully expressing her opinions;
- \* to recognize the legitimate work of human rights defenders like Amal Fathy, and ensure they can carry out their activities without undue restrictions or fear of reprisals, as set out in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

**Direct your messages to**

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**Thank you for your past and current efforts to secure justice for Amal Fathy.**