

To: Public Prosecutor Mohamed Shawky Ayyad  
Office of the Public Prosecutor  
Madinat al-Rehab, Cairo  
Arab Republic of Egypt

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Dear Public Prosecutor,

**Ibrahim Metwaly**, human rights lawyer and co-founder of the Association of the Families of the Disappeared in Egypt, has spent over seven years arbitrarily detained in retaliation for his human rights work. He has been held in contravention of Egyptian law which sets two years as the maximum permissible period for pre-trial detention. Since September 2024, he has been referred to two separate trials on bogus charges.

**Metwaly** has been subjected to torture and other ill-treatment. After his arrest, National Security Agency officers stripped him naked, gave him electric shocks in various parts of his body, doused him in water, and beat him. He is held in Badr 3 prison, where he is being denied urgent healthcare including an urgent surgical intervention for an enlarged prostate.

He must be immediately and unconditionally released as he is being held solely due to the exercise of his human rights, including seeking truth and justice for his forcibly disappeared son.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,