

STANDING IN SUPPORT OF CANADIAN JOURNALIST MOHAMED FAHMY

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

We (the undersigned) are writing to urge you to intervene personally and immediately in the case of Canadian journalist Mohamed Fahmy, who is currently facing retrial in Egypt after 411 days of incarceration.

As you know, Mr. Fahmy has fulfilled all the requirements for his deportation from Egypt, including relinquishing his Egyptian citizenship. His legal counsel, Amal Clooney, has stated that there is no legal impediment to Mr. Fahmy's immediate transfer to Canada.

Mr. Fahmy and his family have been concerned that there appears to be a lack of advocacy coming directly from the Canadian government and Prime Minister's office. Mr. Fahmy's colleague, Peter Greste, was released and deported February 1 after the personal intervention of Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who spoke personally to President el-Sisi three times.

We are deeply concerned that this type of initiative has not been taken by the Canadian government. There have been statements in recent days from Minister of State Lynne Yelich in response to concern from the Canadian public, but Mr. Fahmy's case deserves assurances of action at the highest level.

The timing is crucial, as Mr. Fahmy is facing retrial on February 23. It is essential that this initiative be followed immediately to ensure his safe release and deportation back to Canada.

We stand in support of Mr. Fahmy along with **thousands of Canadians, international human rights organizations and global political leaders** urging you to contact President el-Sisi and request that Mr. Fahmy's deportation order be honoured.

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