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Free sexual harassment survivor Amal Fathy

Amal Fathy posted a video online, speaking about her experience of sexual harassment and criticizing the Egyptian government for neglecting survivors. Now she's been sentenced to 2 years in prison for 'spreading false news' – and faces further charges.

Shortly after posting the video in May 2018, police raided Amal's home in the middle of the night and detained her, along with her husband and young child. Her family members were released, but Amal remains in prison. She's been sentenced to two years in prison for publishing a video that includes false news that could harm public peace' – and still faces further trumped up charges including "broadcasting ideas calling for terrorist acts" and "publishing false news".

An Egyptian court ordered her release on probation on 19 December 2018, but she has yet to be freed.

Amal's is one of dozens who have been imprisoned merely for sharing their opinions or criticizing the authorities. Dozens of Egyptians – including activists, journalists, politicians, football fans, and artists – have been arrested in the worst crackdown on free expression in recent memory by the Egyptian authorities.

Write to President AbdelFatah al-Sisi **PTO for draft letter**

Or e-mail him via AI UK website

Your Excellency

I am extremely concerned that Amal Fathy has been dealt a two-year suspended prison sentence and a large fine, simply for expressing her opinions.

I call on you to:

- Immediately and unconditionally release Amal Fathy as she is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for peacefully expressing her right to freedom of expression;
- Recognize the legitimacy of the work of human rights defenders like Amal Fathy, including their right to carry out peaceful activities without any restrictions or fear of reprisals, as set out in the 1998 UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Thank you.

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