

'For years the government has used us as examples to scare other people by stigmatising us.'

**Azza Soliman**

## **WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAWYER FACES PRISON**

Women's rights campaigner Azza Soliman faces a lengthy prison sentence because of her work as the military regime clamps down on human rights. She has been banned from travel and her assets have been frozen.

Azza, co-founder of the Centre for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance and Lawyers for Justice and Peace, defends victims of torture, arbitrary detention, domestic abuse and rape. For this she has been persecuted by successive governments for almost 30 years, labelled a spy and a national security threat, put under surveillance, smeared and harassed.

Azza now faces trumped-up charges such as slandering Egypt's reputation by stating women in the country are at risk of rape. It is part of the politically motivated 'Case 173', which targets NGOs and activists.

Please sign and send the card opposite urging the President of Egypt to drop the charges against Azza and lift the travel ban and asset freeze orders.

## **ABDEL FATTAH AL-SISI PRESIDENT OF EGYPT**

Your Excellency

Azza Soliman is a lawyer and long-standing women's human rights defender. She is under threat of being detained as part of Case 173 for defending human rights.

I urge you to:

- Immediately and unconditionally drop the charges against Azza Soliman, and lift the travel ban and asset freeze orders;
- Drop Case 173, and lift all travel bans and asset freeze orders against human rights defenders and human rights organisations;
- Drop the draconian NGO bill and amend the current law to protect the right to freedom of association, in line with Egypt's international and constitutional commitments.

Yours sincerely

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