

## EGYPT

### Israa Al-Taweel

#### STUDENT'S DISABILITY GETTING WORSE IN CUSTODY

Student Israa Al-Taweel was arrested on 1 June 2015 and taken to the National Security office in central Cairo, where she was blindfolded and interrogated about links to the Muslim Brotherhood. She had no chance to contact a lawyer or her family – who for 15 days were desperately looking for her in police stations, courts and prisons. She is now held in Al-Qanater prison, accused of 'belonging to a banned group' and 'broadcasting false news'. In January 2014, Israa was shot in the lower back at a protest. The injury left her unable to walk and she uses a wheelchair. Her condition had begun to improve with physiotherapy, but is deteriorating now that she is no longer receiving treatment.

+ [www.amnesty.org.uk/israa](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/israa)



Officers said they would arrest her sisters and parents unless she gave them the information they wanted. When being questioned she heard her two friends screaming. She was told she would face the same fate unless she cooperated

**Note from Amnesty case file**

#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Israa Al-Taweel  
c/o Doaa Al-Taweel  
1 Abdo Gharib Street  
Kafr Tahrim  
Seventh Floor  
Boulaq Aldakrouh  
Giza  
Egypt

+ **Language:** Arabic or English

+ **Salutation:** Dear Israa or Hi Israa

+ **Suggested message:** We know about your case and we are writing to the authorities on your behalf. We support your right to freedom of expression. We wish you a speedy recovery.

#### CAN I

- Send a religious card or message
- Mention Amnesty
- Include my name and address

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

**Urge the state security prosecutor to either release Israa or give her a fair trial, and to ensure she has the medical treatment she needs.**

**Write to:** Tamer Alforqany  
General Attorney  
State Security Prosecutor Office  
New Cairo Court Complex  
Fifth Settlement (Al Tagamo Al Khamis)  
New Cairo  
Egypt

**Fax:** 002 02 2638 1956

**Salutation:** Dear Counsellor

**In your letter:** Call on the prosecutor to free Israa Al-Taweel or charge her with a recognisable criminal offence based on legitimate evidence (and not on statements obtained while she was held incommunicado without her lawyer present). Urge him to ensure she has access to any medical attention she needs, including physiotherapy, and to give her lawyers access to her casefile so they can prepare her defence.