

URGENT ACTION

MAHMOUD HUSSEIN RELEASED ON BAIL

Prisoner of conscience Mahmoud Mohamed Ahmed Hussein was released on 25 March after spending more than two years in detention without charge or trial.

A Cairo court ordered the release on bail of **Mahmoud Mohamed Ahmed Hussein** on 24 March 2016, after rejecting an appeal by Egypt's Public Prosecution. However, prosecutors have not formally closed their investigation.

Mahmoud Mohamed Ahmed Hussein had been detained since 25 January 2014, when he was arrested for wearing a "Nation Without Torture" T-shirt, and a scarf with a logo of the "25 January Revolution". He was detained for over two years without charge or trial, in violation of Egyptian law.

He reported that National Security officers had tortured him into making a filmed "confession" of a series of spurious criminal offences, including belonging to the banned Muslim Brotherhood movement, possessing explosives and taking part in an unauthorized protest.

Mahmoud Mohamed Ahmed Hussein extended his gratitude to Amnesty International for its work on his case. He said: "Thanks to Amnesty International, and all those who work in it. Because of your solidarity, I am free now. And I dream of a nation without torture. When your letters arrived for me, I felt strength and safety. Persist in your solidarity with all prisoners of conscience."

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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