

Urgent Appeal for Action on Egypt

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The Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) is calling on states, UN officials, and INGOs to take immediate action to urge the government of Egypt to halt the use of excessive force against largely peaceful protestors, and refrain from further human rights violations in this context.

On 18 November, protestors once again took to the streets of Cairo to demand a transition to a genuine civil democracy. The protests come in response to an escalation of human rights violations by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) over the last half year, and attempts by the SCAF to preserve their power over that of a civilian government, including an attempt to pass a supra-constitutional document that would accord the SCAF veto power over any future parliament and/or future government.

The government and the ruling SCAF appear to be using a systematic policy of excessive violence against mostly peaceful protests. The current Tahrir events cannot be seen in separation from the Maspero Massacre and other mass violations committed, whether before, during, or after the January 25 Revolution.

Use of Excessive Force Against Protestors:

In Cairo, Alexandria, and Suez, both police and army personnel are attacking protestors with excessive and, at times, lethal force. Since early Saturday (19 November), at least 22 documented extrajudicial killings of protestors have taken place in Cairo and Alexandria. The number killed in Cairo on Sunday may be as high as 20, according to a communiqué by the Ministry of Health on 20 November. It is estimated that over 600 protestors were injured on 19 November, and at least 1400 more on 20 November.

Tahrir square in Cairo has been under continuous attack since early Saturday with beatings, tear gas, rubber bullets, and live ammunition being used against protestors by Central Security Forces, military soldiers, and government affiliated thugs. The attacks against protestors are ongoing. Security personnel have also reportedly attacked a makeshift field hospital in Tahrir and the volunteers working in it in two separate incidences on Sunday evening, causing it to change its location due to imminent threats of a third attack.

Moreover, there are incoming reports of killings of protestors by security forces in Tahrir on Sunday. At least twenty protestor casualties are reported to have occurred in Tahrir square on Sunday evening. There are reports of the bodies of 18 protestors having been delivered to morgues in Cairo on Sunday evening. Violence continues to be used against protestors in Tahrir. It is feared the use of lethal force against protestors will escalate in the coming period.

There is an additional fear that excessive force will be used in solidarity protests that have begun in other places around Egypt. While security forces are using lethal force in Cairo and Alexandria, people are taking to the streets in Suez, Ismailiya, Areesh, Mansoura, Menya, Luxor, Aswan, Qena, and Assuit in further pro-democracy protests.

Names of confirmed deaths in Tahrir Square, Cairo and Alexandria are:

1. Ahmed Mahmoud Ahmed
2. Shehab Eldin El Dakroury
3. Atef Mohamed Mohamed Awad (shot in the head)
4. Bahaa Al Senoussi, political activist (Alexandria: shot by live ammunition as he was participating in a peaceful protests in front of the Alexandria police station)
5. Hossam Hamdi Khaleefa (suffocation as a result of inhaling tear gas and head injury)
6. Mohamed Rabeea Nabeeh Shehata, 35 years old
7. Shehad Eldin Ahmed Ibrahim, 25 years old
8. Mohamed Sayed Abdelfattah, 32 years old
9. Ali Salah Khedr
10. Hazem Mashhout Mohamed Ibrahim , 33 years old

Also since Saturday, due to what appears to be a policy of targeting protestors to the head with rubber bullets and bird shots, there have been several incidents of protestors being blinded. There are documented cases of activists and journalists who have sustained eye injuries and other serious injuries, in what appears to be a policy of targeting journalists and activists for their work. The list includes:

- Malek Mostafa Mohamed, media officer at the Hesham Mubarak Law Center and a member of the Front to Defend Egypt's protesters (injured in the right eye)
- Salem El Sayed El Sayed Abo Rakha , editor at *al Al Arabi Al Nasseri* newspaper
- Ahmed Abdelfatth, photographer at *Al Masry Al Youm* newspaper (eye injury)
- Ahmed Harara, activist and previously injured in the right eye during January 28 protests (injured in the left eye)
- Rasha Azab, Journalist and member of the No Military Trials for Civilians group (rubber bullet shot in her face)
- Abanob Emad (severely beaten by police forces on November 19 and camera confiscated)

Additionally, below is a list of some of the documented injuries in el-Kasr el-Eini hospital:

- Hamed Sayed Abdeltawab
- Mohamed Sami Hefni
- Saher Ismail Faraf
- Mohamed Hamdi Saad
- Youssef Khaled Abdelhai, 15 years old (shot with bird shot in the eye)
- Ihab Adel Mohamed (shot with bird shot in the eye)
- Mohamed Sami Khitab
- Abdelmoneim Saleh Abdelmoneim Shehata, 24 years old (shot with bird shot in the eye)
- Taha Mohamed Ali
- Ahmed Mohamed Hassanein, 50 years old
- Ala Eldin El Sayed Sultan
- Magdi Abdelmoneim Mahmoud Ghalib, 56 years old
- Ahmed Abdallah Sedeeq, 29 years old
- Ahmed El Sayed Youssef El Hefni, 19 years old
- Saad Adnan Saad Marzouk, 21 years old
- Ibrahim Shawki Ibrahim, 25 years old

Security forces have also reportedly set fire to public property in Tahrir square and have begun

looting and damaging public and private property. It is believed that this is being carried out in order to justify the use of brutal force against protestors, and harsh sentences in unfair trials for those arrested. Two apartments in the surroundings of Tahrir square were put on fire on the early morning of 20 November as a result of the direct shooting by security personnel on these apartments.

On Sunday, there were reports of a large amount of arrests of protestors by military police and civilian police. Amongst those arrested is potential presidential candidate and journalist Bosayna Kamel, who was later released. Additionally, there are reports of the injured in hospitals being arrested. These are in addition to protestors who were arrested Saturday 19 November, some of whom appeared on Sunday before Abdeen Prosecution (civilian prosecution). Protesters face charges of being involved in illegal assemblies, damaging public and private properties, and traffic disruption.

A list of 62 detained protestors to date (the list of detainees is obtained from the Front to Defend Egypt's Protesters, a group of lawyers and human rights defenders who work on providing legal aid to detained protester and documenting human rights violations during protests):

1. Hesham Al Seussi
2. Abdullah Nasr Ahmed, 20 years old
3. Nadi Mamdouh Sayed, 21 years old
4. Abdelraouf Abdelnabi, 17 years old
5. Ibrahim El Sayed, 21 years old
6. Heshmat Hassanein, 17 years old
7. Mohamed Fawzy Galal, 22 years old
8. Sharaf Nageh, 22 years old
9. Ibrahim Nabeel Abdullah, 18 years old
10. Mahmoud Rashid, 13 years old
11. Ahmed El Sayed Hendi, 17 years old
12. Mahmoud Lotfi
13. Mohamed Yehia Zakareya
14. Sanaa Youssef
15. Amanda Kerdahi, 27 (American citizen and professor at the American University of Cairo)
16. Ahmed Samir Ramadan, 22 years old
17. Kareem Mohamed Fawzy, 25 years old
18. Magda (family name unknown)
19. Moataz Ahmed Zaki Hassan
20. Ahmed Abdelreheem
21. Sherif Salah Mohamed
22. Islam Mohamed Safi Eldin
23. Omar Dessouki, 18 years old
24. Ismail Alaa Eldin Zohdy
25. Mohamed Mohi Serag Eldin
26. Wael Gamal Eldin Atteya
27. Nahed Mohamed Ali
28. John Magdi
29. Kareem Saleh
30. Mahmoud (family name unknown)
31. Tarek (family name unknown)
32. Mostafa Kamal Al Nakeeb
33. Mostafa Shawky Mansour Mahoud (Ali Maher's (young boy who was shot dead by the army in

April 8, 2011) cousin)

34. Mohamed Ashraf Kamal
35. Mohamed Fawzy Abdelrahman
36. Mohamed Saeed Abdelrahman
37. Osama Ahmad Kamal
38. Haitham Mohamed Mohamed Mahmoud (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
39. Mohamed Ramadan (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
40. Mohamed El Sayed Mohamed (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
41. Mohamed Ali El Shrabesli (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
42. Mohamed Ali Hassan (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
43. El Sayed Ali Mohamed (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
44. Mohamed Osama El Sayed (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
45. Wael Mohamed Abbas (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
46. Osama Mohamed Gamal (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
47. Ahmed Mahrous Ramadan (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
48. Hassan Abdellateef Ali (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
49. Ali Ahmed Ezz (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
50. Mohamed Saber Ali (in Kasr el Nil prosecution)
51. Mahmoud Abbas Hussein
52. Fadi Phillip
53. Abdallah Mohamed Abdelsalam
54. Ahmed Helmy Ali
55. Mohamed Ashraf Kamal Eldin, 20 years old
56. Ismail Alaa Eldin Zohdy
57. Ali Sayed Al-Halwassi, 21 years old
58. Salem Saeed Abdelhakim, 24 years old (arrested from Tahrir square on Nov 19)
59. Mahmoud Galal Mostafa El Gheitani , 21 years old
60. Nada Mahmoud Mohamed Awadallah
61. Mahmoud Mohamed Mohamed El Sayed Abed, 21 years old
62. Abdallah Mohamed Mohamed El Sayed Abed, 18 years old

Missing persons:

1. Ahmed Nouh Abdelsattar, 18 years old
2. Amr Mohamed Atteya
3. Omar Hani Farouk
4. Islam Zohdi
5. Waleed Mohamed Hashem

These violations are occurring amidst an unprecedented governmental crackdown on civil society and human rights organizations that work on documenting ongoing human rights violations. These organizations continue to face the risk of closure and/or imprisonment of their members as a direct result of their work to uncover human rights violations perpetrated by the SCAF. On Saturday evening, General Mohsen El Fangary, senior official at SCAF, criticized NGOs for not working with the government, and for working with society directly. According to Mr. Fangary, NGOs who work directly with victims are working against the interest of the government, and consequently against the interests of the state. (See interview with General Mohsen el-Fangary, member of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces in Al Hayat Channel on November 2011, available on: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igl0x3h2IFM>).

Video compilation taken from various online news sources and amateur videos:

20 November: Tahrir Square Video showing what appears to be a dead body of a protester being moved by Central Security Forces (CSF) and dumped next to the side walk following CSF and Military Police attack on protesters chasing them away from the square.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr2-VlIdcuE&feature=youtu.be&a>

20 November: Tahrir Square –Video showing a protester severely injured following an attack by CSF forces.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=P9Nrr0vktcY#!

20 November: Tahrir Square – Video showing the attack on protesters and security destroying, and setting fire on private property and banners in the square.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVHIXGvKgMA>

20 November: Tahrir Square – Video showing clearly the attack on protesters by Central Security Forces and Military Police, which includes excessively using tear and beating protesters with batons.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WarEZxFq9HQ&feature=player_detailpage

20 November: Tahrir Square – Video showing different footage of injuries sustained by protesters as a result of attacks against them by CSF forces and government affiliated thugs using rubber bullets, bird shots and tear gas bombs.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgzeZLXLclQ&feature=related>

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=O94sWWDc8Ig#!

20 November: Tahrir Square – Video showing Central Security Forces and Military Police using batons to beat protesters in several incidences in the square.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJ7FHUtxePw>

20 November: Tahrir Square – Video showing Central Security Forces and Military Police using batons to beat a protester.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCv4ocbbT_4

20 November: Tahrir Square – Central Security Forces setting fire on a motorbike, tents and banners in the square.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSRgQO5iRBQ&sns=fb>

20 November: Tahrir Square – Doctors treating injured protesters in the Tahrir square metro station.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4hbjDaB3Z0&feature=player_embedded

20 November: Tahrir Square – Footage showing injured protesters by Mohamed Mahmoud street, off of Tahrir Square.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPk-wGpn1qw&feature=share>
