

# Solidarity with Egyptian Doctors' Union activist Taher Mokhtar

We were alarmed to hear that our colleague, Dr Taher Mokhtar, a member of the Rights and Freedoms Committee of the Egyptian Doctors Union, was arrested in a dawn raid on his home on 14 January 2016. Taher has played a key role in defending doctors' and patients' rights in Egypt, both as a leading activist with the Doctors' Union and as a tireless campaigner for Egypt's public health service. He is also an outspoken critic of the current military regime who has taken a courageous public stand in solidarity with victims of state repression across the political spectrum. We call for Taher's immediate release and for any charges or case in preparation against him and others arrested with him to be dropped. We further call on the Egyptian government, military and security services to end the prosecution of opponents of the current regime for the peaceful exercise of their democratic rights, to release all those detained without a fair trial and to end the practice of forced disappearances.

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