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Dear Mr Kamel,,

HISHAM FOUAD ABDEL ALIM

I am writing to you on behalf of members of the UNISON trade union in the London Fire Brigade to express our deep concern regarding the treatment of Hisham Fouad Abdel Alim (State Security case 930).

We have been advised that Mr Alim's family and his lawyers have grown increasingly concerned for his health as he has been denied medical examinations and treatment for both a pre-existing pathology in his back vertebrae and new health conditions, including digestive and dental problems, for more than month.

We understand that Mr Alim has been convicted of economic conspiracy to fund a terror organization but that the real reason for his imprisonment is his work supporting independent trade unions. As a trade union we think that his imprisonment and treatment in prison are totally unacceptable. Amnesty International's report on Egypt for 2019 noted that political prisoners were routinely subjected to "denial of adequate medical care that amounted to torture."

I hope you will use your influence with the government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to ensure that Mr Alim is granted the medical treatment he needs urgently.

Tony Phillips

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