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The detention of four defendants, including TV presenter Hala Fahmy, renewed; Administrative Judiciary Court to examine the two lawsuits demanding broadcasting the sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate on 13 August

The Supreme State Security Prosecution

5 June sessions

The Supreme State Security Prosecution renewed the detention of Ahmed Mohamed Moussa Abdel Khaleq for 15 days in connection with Case No. 330 of 2020 (State Security).

On 4 April, Abdel Khaleq had his first investigation session before the Supreme State Security Prosecution, which charged him with joining a terrorist group, inciting a terrorist act, and spreading false news.

The Supreme State Security Prosecution also renewed the detention of Mahmoud Hanafy Mohamed for 15 days in connection with Case No. 93 of 2022 (Supreme State Security Prosecution).

Mohamed was arrested from his house in Qena governorate. He was brought before the Supreme State Security Prosecution for the first time on 22 February. He faces charges of joining a terrorist group and using an account on social media with the aim of committing a crime.

On 6 June, the Supreme State Security Prosecution renewed the detention of former TV presenter at the National Media Authority, Hala Fahmy, for 15 days, in connection with Case No. 441 of 2022 (Supreme State Security). Fahmy faces charges of joining a terrorist group, inciting the commitment of a crime, and spreading false news domestically and abroad, against the backdrop of sharing videos on her Facebook page.

Criminal Courts

On 7 June, the Criminal Court (Second Circuit Criminal Terrorism) renewed the detention of Nour Fayez Ibrahim for 45 days in connection with Case No. 2993

of 2021 (Supreme State Security), in which he is charged with leading a terrorist group and disdaining the Abrahamic religions.

Ibrahim was arrested in December 2021 after he created a group on Facebook to discuss the Abrahamic religions and help those who wish to convert from Islam to Christianity.

State Council Courts

On 8 June, the Disciplinary Board of the Teaching Staff at the Higher Technological Institute in the 10th of Ramadan City set 27 June as a date to look into lawsuit No. 18 of 2021 filed against Dr. Manar Al-Tantawy. The move came to allow the institute's representative to respond to the documents and pleas submitted by Al-Tantawy's defense lawyer.

Al-Tantawy faces charges of insulting the Higher Technological Institute in the 10th of Ramadan City and its dean on social media and some satellite channels. This came against the backdrop of her refusal of the dean's decision not to allow her to resume the chairmanship of the Mechanical Engineering Department for political reasons, although she had fulfilled all the technical and procedural conditions.

On 8 June, the Administrative Judiciary Court (Second Circuit) set 13 August as a date to examine the two lawsuits filed by AFTE demanding broadcasting the sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate after the State Commissioners Authority submitted a report containing its legal opinion regarding the two lawsuits.

AFTE filed the two lawsuits in May 2021, challenging the negative decision not to broadcast the parliamentary sessions on television and digital platforms and publish them in the Official Gazette. The first lawsuit, No. 46322 of 75, was filed against the speaker of the House of Representatives, while the second, No. 46319 of 75, was filed against the speaker of the Senate.