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Dear Madam/Sir,

We hope that A.I. will see fit to publicise the case of Abdul Kareem Nabeel Suleiman (better known by his Internet pseudonym, Kareem Amer), whose long prison sentences for 'insulting Islam' and 'insulting the president' began three days ago.

Witnesses report that the defendant, immediately after sentencing, was immediately beaten in the police vehicle taking him to prison. He is currently denied access to counsel.

The defendant, according to our information, committed no actions other than post on his blog strong criticisms of bigotry and ethical failures at his former institution of learning, Al-Azhar, and of dictatorial political abuses in his native Egypt. He is approximately 22 years of age. His blogs cannot be understood otherwise than as expressions of opinion under any justice system compatible with international accords entered into by Egypt since 1992 or remotely compatible with the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

We understand that the outlook for the safety, even the life, of a young man in these prison conditions, under these inflammatory charges, gives reasonable cause for high-level alarm.

We hope you will see fit to promote this case to 'very active,' and would also be grateful for brief acknowledgement of this letter.

With good wishes,

Yours truly,

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Administrator
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