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### **Nubian Activists Should Be Released Unconditionally**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to immediately release the 24 Nubian activists detained in Aswan on September 3, to ensure these activists have access to adequate medical care while in custody, and to immediately initiate an independent, impartial investigation into the death of detainee **Gamal Souour**.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of a coordinated campaign in Egypt to persecute and harass Nubian activists to prevent them from participating in the political conversation, and reports of serious medical negligence in Egyptian prisons for detainees.

We strongly believe that you and the Egyptian government have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Articles 9 & 10* – the freedom from arbitrary arrest or detention, and the right of all prisoners to be treated with humanity and respect. If your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to take action to hold any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Minister Magdy Abdel Ghaffar, Ambassador Moataz Mounir Zahran, Deputy Assistant  
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