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Dear Sir,

I am concerned for the life and safety of Human Rights researcher, Ibrahim Ezz El-Din. On the evening of 11 June 2019, Ibrahim was walking home when four security officers dressed in plain clothes surrounded him and arrested him. When Ibrahim's family and lawyers asked where he was, police denied that he was ever detained.

Ibrahim is the fifth person linked with his organization, the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms, to have been arrested in just three years. Hundreds like Ibrahim have been forcibly disappeared. They are held in secret detention for months, without ever being brought to trial and with no access to their lawyers or families and no external judicial oversight, where they are at a higher risk of torture and mistreatment. Many have been arrested simply for expressing their opinions peacefully, criticizing the authorities, or standing up for human rights. This pattern of abuse must end.

Please reveal where Ibrahim is, give him access to his family and lawyers and ensure that he is protected from torture and mistreatment. Release Ibrahim unless he is charged with an internationally recognized crime.

Yours sincerely,