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**EGYPT**

**RELEASE  
ALAA  
ABDEL FATTAH**

**GOOD NEWS  
RELEASED  
09/22/25**

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## **PROMINENT ACTIVIST REMAINS IN UNJUST DETENTION FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POST**

Alaa Abdel Fattah is a 43-year-old British-Egyptian technologist, author, and one of the leading voices of Egypt's 2011 revolution. In December 2021, he was sentenced to five years in prison for "spreading false news" after sharing a social media post. His sentence legally ended on September 29, 2024, but authorities refuse to release him.

## SEND A MESSAGE TO THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES

**WRITE** **Address to send letter:**  
President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi  
Office of the President  
Al Ittihadia Palace  
Cairo, Egypt

**Dear President al-Sisi,**

I am writing to express urgent concern for British-Egyptian writer and activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, who remains imprisoned despite completing his five-year sentence on September 29, 2024. The refusal to count his pretrial detention violates Egypt's legal obligations and the findings of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, which deemed this continued imprisonment unlawful.

Alaa's mother, Dr. Laila Soueif, had been on hunger strike since the day his sentence ended. She only ended her hunger strike after her children begged her to stop. The doctor had told them she was in critical condition and might not survive another 24 hours. Her peaceful protest reflects the desperation of a family facing prolonged injustice.

I respectfully urge you to release Alaa Abdel Fattah immediately and unconditionally, and ensure he has access to legal counsel, reading materials, sunlight, and regular family contact.

Egypt has an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to justice and human dignity. I hope you will act without delay.

Sincerely,

[Insert your name]

**Send a copy of your letter to:**  
c/o Ambassador Motaz Mounir Zahran  
Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt  
3521 International Court NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
USA

**EMAIL** **Send email appeal to:**  
President's Spokesperson  
[p.spokesman@op.gov.eg](mailto:p.spokesman@op.gov.eg)

Ambassador Motaz Mounir Zahran  
[embassy@egyptembassy.net](mailto:embassy@egyptembassy.net)

## SEND A SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO ALAA

**SEND** Send Alaa and his family messages of hope and solidarity. Share a poem or drawing.

In your card please do not mention Amnesty International or Egypt's human rights record; detention conditions, political criticism, or include details about Alaa's case.

**Address to send solidarity card:**

Mona Abdel Fattah  
4 Red Hill Close  
CB22 5JP  
Cambridge  
UK

Cards will be sent to family members, and messages will be shared with Alaa.

### **SAMPLE MESSAGING**

We are with you. Your voice inspires courage across the world. We honor your strength and your mother's bravery. Stay strong — we won't stop fighting for your freedom.

*In solidarity,*

### **WORK BY ALAA**

"[You Have Not Yet Been Defeated](#)" is a collection of essays, tweets, letters, and personal reflections by Alaa Abd el-Fattah, many of which were smuggled out of Egyptian prisons.

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