

URGENT ACTION

PROMINENT ACTIVIST ASSAULTED IN PRISON

Prominent political activist and former spokesperson of the April 6 Youth Movement, **Mohamed Adel**, has been on a hunger strike since December 7, 2025 in protest at his arbitrary detention since June 2018. In September 2023, a misdemeanor court in Aga, Dakahlia governorate, sentenced him to four years in prison on bogus charges including “joining an unlawful group”. Authorities have refused to release him even though he spent over seven years in prison, as he is facing investigations into similar bogus charges in separate cases all stemming from the peaceful exercise of his human rights. According to information gathered by Amnesty International, on January 10, 2026, some prisoners in 10th of Ramadan prison assaulted him and attempted to strangle him, while prison officials failed to intervene. He is denied adequate healthcare for numerous health conditions including chest pain, a torn knee ligament, and shoulder dislocation.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on **UA 10.26**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

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Dear Counselor,

I write to express my concern over the prolonged arbitrary detention of **Mohamed Adel**, a prominent political activist and former spokesperson of the April 6 Youth Movement. He was arrested in June 2018 in connection with the peaceful exercise of his human rights and subsequently prosecuted in multiple cases on similar charges, including “joining an unlawful group” and spreading “false news”.

On January 15, 2026, Mohamed Adel’s family and lawyers filed a formal complaint to the Public Prosecutor requesting an investigation into his reported assault claims by fellow prisoners on January 10, by other prisoners on January 10, 2026. Prison guards failed to intervene during his assault. Following the public disclosure of the complaint, the Ministry of Interior issued a statement denying his assault. Mohamed Adel’s health has continued to decline since beginning a hunger strike on December 7, 2025, in protest of the authorities’ refusal to release him, despite having served his sentence.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally release Mohamed Adel and drop all charges against him, as he is detained solely for exercising his human rights. Pending his release, ensure he is held in conditions meeting international standards and is granted adequate access to his family, lawyers, and qualified health professionals providing health care in compliance with medical ethics.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mohamed Adel was first arrested on December 19, 2013, along with other activists on charges related to participating in unauthorized protests in contravention to the draconian Law No. 107 of 2013 on protests. He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, followed by three years of police probation, and fined 50,000 Egyptian pounds (approximately 1,060 USD). He was released in January 2017 and placed under daily police probation from 6 pm to 6 am. On June 19, 2018, he was arrested again when he reported to Aga Police Station in Dakahlia governorate. He was accused of "joining an unlawful group" and "spreading false news" and detained in connection with Case No. 5606, Aga Administrative, Mansoura city, Dakahlia governorate. Shortly thereafter, he faced similar charges in case number 4118 of 2018 in Sherbin, Dakahlia governorate. In 2020, he was summoned to the Supreme State Security Prosecution (SSSP) and faced similar accusations in case number 467 of 2020 of the SSSP. He spent two years and seven months in pretrial detention until he was ordered released on January 27, 2021 on bail of 10,000 Egyptian pounds (approximately 215 USD). However, security forces refused to release him. He has been subjected to indefinite detention without trial, beyond the two-year legal limit for pre-trial detention, through the abusive practice commonly known of "rotation". He spent a further two years and seven months in pretrial detention until he was referred to trial in Case No. 2981 of 2023 and sentenced to four years' imprisonment on September 2, 2023.

In the 10th of Ramadan prison, where he is currently detained, prison authorities allow his family to visit him once a month, with occasional exceptional visits granted for national or religious holidays. The Egyptian authorities have repeatedly denied Mohamed Adel access to adequate medical care inside prison and transfer to hospitals outside prison for diagnosis and treatment not available in prison. He has been taken for medical examination only once since his arrest in 2018, when Gamassa maximum security prison authorities transferred him in August 2024 to Mansoura General Hospital for several health conditions, including a torn knee ligament and fluid accumulation in the knee. According to a medical report he was allowed to view while in the hospital, his condition requires knee joint replacement surgery, which has been denied. According to his wife, he also suffers from muscle atrophy in the shoulder and shoulder dislocation. In addition, he experiences undiagnosed chest pain. He has also developed dark brown discoloration of the fingernails and nail breakage of an unknown cause, given the failure of the authorities to refer him for medical examination. His health has also seriously deteriorated as a result of his ongoing hunger strike since December 7, 2025, during which he has experienced significant weight loss.

In 2024 and 2025, prison authorities prevented Mohamed Adel from sitting his postgraduate examinations as an associate student of public law at Mansoura University.

On January 20, 2026, security forces arrested activist **Ahmed Douma** without a warrant from his home in Cairo in apparent retaliation for expressing solidarity with Mohamed Adel online and seeking accountability for his reported assault in prison. SSSP prosecutors interrogated Ahmed Douma for over 12 hours before releasing him on bail of 100,000 Egyptian pounds (approximately 2,120 USD).

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: Arabic, English, or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: August 12, 2026

NAME AND PRONOUN: Mohamed Adel (he/him)