

URGENT ACTION

UNJUSTLY JAILED STUDENT RISKS LIFE IN PRISON

Egyptian student Oqba Hashad has endured nearly seven years in arbitrary detention as punishment for his brother's human rights activism. In April 2025, the Supreme State Security Prosecution (SSSP) referred him to trial on bogus terrorism-related charges. If convicted, he could be imprisoned for the rest of his life. In November 2025 after years of sustained supporter mobilization, Egyptian authorities finally allowed him to receive a replacement for his broken prosthetic leg after denying him one for over three years. His detention is solely linked to his brother's human rights activism.

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- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
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Send a copy of your letter to the address below

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Dear Counselor,

I am concerned about the ongoing arbitrarily detention of 29-year-old Egyptian student, **Oqba Hashad**. He has been held in unlawful pretrial detention since May 20, 2019. Far exceeding the two-year limit set under Egyptian law. On February 20, 2024, a judge ordered Oqba Hashad's release after his pretrial detention exceeded the legal limit. Instead of releasing him, security forces forcibly disappeared him for 10 days and then opened investigations against him in a new case on similar bogus charges.

In April 2025, Oqba Hashad was referred to trial along with 75 others on bogus terrorism related charges. He could face life imprisonment if convicted. Amnesty International considers the charges against Oqba Hashad to be unfounded; the prosecution did not present any evidence of his involvement in actions that could constitute criminal conduct. The organization considers that he is being punished for his brother's, Amr Hashad's, activism.

Since his arrest, Oqba Hashad was subjected to a litany of human rights violations including the denial of medical care. He was left without a prosthetic leg from August 2022 until November 2025 when the prison administration finally provided him with a functional prosthetic leg. However, authorities continue to obstruct the delivery of essential medicine.

I urge you to ensure that Oqba Hashad is immediately and unconditionally released and all charges against him dropped as he is detained solely as a punishment for his brother's activism. Pending his release, he must have regular access to his family, lawyers, and adequate healthcare, and be held in conditions that comply with international standards for the treatment of prisoners.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Oqba Hashad has been arbitrarily detained for nearly seven years without trial, solely due to his family affiliation, in particular the human rights activism of his brother **Amr Hashad**, a human rights activist who left Egypt in 2019. Prison authorities had interrogated Oqba Hashad on multiple occasions, most recently in October 2023, about his brother's human rights work and contact with his family in Egypt. They also questioned Oqba Hashad on whether he had shared any information with his brother about his prison conditions. His brother Amr Hashad had been arrested in 2014 in connection with his activism with the student union at Assiut University. Subsequently, a court sentenced Amr Hashad to three years in prison after convicting him of joining a terrorist organization, attempting to overthrow the government and inciting protests. From exile, Amr Hashad continued to document human rights violations in Egypt including enforced disappearances and cruel and inhuman detention conditions. Oqba Hashad's mother was also detained and questioned for nine hours during a visit to Shebin Al-Kom prison, where Oqba Hashad was held at the time, in relation to a Facebook post written by Amr Hashad in December 2020 about his brother being banned from accessing his prosthetic leg and the injustices suffered by their family.

In violation of the absolute violation of torture and other ill-treatment, prison authorities have cruelly denied Oqba Hashad access to adequate healthcare and a prosthetic leg for over three years. Oqba Hashad's right leg was amputated above the knee following a childhood accident. On January 9, 2024, Oqba Hashad was transferred to court without a wheelchair, hopping on one leg, and was forced to sit on the floor in front of the judge. The prison authorities are also refusing to grant him access to specialized medical care, not available in prison, raising fears about permanent and irreversible damage to his spinal column, according to independent doctors consulted by his relatives.

On August 7, 2022, relatives of Oqba Hashad's cellmate, who had visited the Wadi al-Natroun prison that day, called Oqba Hashad's family to inform them that his prosthetic leg broke. Oqba Hashad's family did not have the financial means to replace it and therefore sought to repair it instead. On August 9, 2022, when his relatives returned to the prison with the prosthetic leg, the prison authorities insisted on carrying out a thorough inspection, attempted to dismantle it, and informed the family that they would submit it for further inspections. Oqba Hashad also suffers from severe back pain as he was forced to sleep on the floor in his cell in Wadi El Natroun prison. In March 2024, after appearing in front of the SSSP for interrogation in a new Case No. 3391/2023 of the SSSP, Oqba Hashad was transferred to in the 10th of Ramadan prison (section 2), where he remains.

As a state party to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Egypt must fulfil its obligations to ensure that when persons with disabilities are deprived of their liberty, they are, on an equal basis with others, entitled to guarantees in accordance with international human rights law and are provided with reasonable accommodation and with adequate health services.

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

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: October 15, 2026

NAME AND PRONOUN: Oqba Hashad (He/Him)

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