



Weekly Report

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Egypt

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Amnesty International criticizes Egyptian detention of refugees

- More than 140 Syrian refugees have been detained in the Rosetta police station.
- They have been told that if they can not afford plane tickets to Turkey, Lebanon or Malaysia (where they first sought refugees status) they will be deported to Syria.
- If returned to Syria their lives would be in great danger.
- Source: Daily New Egypt

<http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2014/04/26/amnesty-international-criticises-egyptian-detention-refugees/>

Egypt court hears new evidence in Jazeera trial

- The detainees have been detained for more than 100 days and one of the detained journalist claimed the case is an abuse of journalism and freedom of speech.
- The defence team criticized audiotapes due to the poor quality, although one judge claims to have heard them.
- One journalist complained of a shoulder injury and the court ordered he be provided with medical treatment in prison.
- Source: The Global post

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/afp/140422/egypt-court-hears-new-evidence-jazeera-trial>

“Forcibly sending back refugees and asylum seekers who sought safety in Egypt is a cruel betrayal of the authorities’ international obligation to offer protection to refugees.”

- Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui,
Amnesty International
Middle East and North
Africa Program Deputy
Director

Egypt denies prison inmate died of torture

- The Egyptian Interior Ministry denied reports that Hani al-Daidamoni was tortured to death while he was an inmate in Egypt’s Zagazig prison.
- The Minister claims he is alive and in good health.
- NGO’s have made a statement calling for medical examinations for prisoners.
- Source: The Turkish Press

<http://www.turkishpress.com/news/403131/>