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"What the Egyptian authorities are doing is vindictive persecution of journalists merely doing their jobs." Hassiba Hadj Sahraoui, Amnesty International Middle East and North Africa Program Deputy Director

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Egypt must end 'vindictive' detention of Al Jazeera journalists

- Amnesty International speaks out against the detention of three Al Jazeera journalists. The journalists are charged with falsifying news and alleged involvement with the Muslim Brotherhood.
- There are allegations regarding the government's lack of evidence and oppressive political motivation for the detention.
- Amnesty International alleges this action is part of a bigger media crackdown.
- Source: Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/egypt-s-must-end-vindictive-detention-al-jazeera-journalists-2014-04-09>

Egypt Court upholds jailing of leading pro-democracy activists

- Three people identified as leading figures were given three-year sentences last December for protesting without permission and assaulting police.
- The conviction is under a new law compelling protestors to obtain police permission to protest.
- The protestors first ousted Hosni Mubarak and now protest army rule.
- Source: Reuters

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2014/04/07/egypt-court-activists-idINDEEA360F520140407>

Canadian Has Been Jailed in Egypt for 100 Days: The Prime Minister Needs to Act

- Canadian-Egyptian journalist Mohamed Fahmy and his co-defendants are detained under terrorism charges.
- The alleged supporting evidence is that the journalists recorded interviews of opposition activists. However the prosecution has failed to produce any evidence upon Mr. Fahmy's lawyer's requests.
- The Canadian foreign affairs ministry has been engaging the diplomatic process to urge due process and humane treatment.
- Source: Human Rights Watch sourcing Jillian Slutzker's Globe and Mail Article

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2014/04/07/canadian-has-been-jailed-egypt-100-days-prime-minister-needs-act>