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**Concerns the ongoing arbitrary detention of lawyer Mohamed el-Baqer and activist Alaa Abdel Fattah**-- Please forward to Public Prosecutor Hamada al-Sawi --

Dear Counsellor,

I am writing to raise my concerns about the ongoing arbitrary detention of lawyer Mohamed el-Baqer and activist Alaa Abdel Fattah, who have been held at the Tora Maximum Security 2 Prison since 1 October 2019. Amnesty International considers them to be prisoners of conscience, detained solely for peacefully exercising their human rights.

On 30 August 2020, Mohamed el-Baqer was brought in front of the Supreme State Security Prosecution (SSSP) to face questioning into a new case (No. 855/2020). During the interrogation, he was accused of "joining a terrorist organization" and "taking part in a criminal agreement to commit a terrorist crime".

I therefore urge you to release Alaa Abdel Fattah and Mohamed el-Baqer immediately and unconditionally and drop the charges against them, as they are detained solely for peacefully exercising their human rights. Pending their release, I call on you to ensure they have access to adequate health care and regular access to their families and lawyers. I also ask you to ensure that their complaints of torture and other ill-treatment are duly investigated.

Yours sincerely,