

Committee to Protect Journalists

List of imprisoned journalists in Egypt

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1. Mahmoud Abdel Nabi, a correspondent for the news website *Rassd*, was [arrested](#) on July 3, 2013, while covering clashes between supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi and supporters of the Egyptian army in the Sidi Beshr neighborhood of Alexandria, according to news reports. A prosecutor charged Abdel Nabi with possessing weapons and inciting rioting.
2. Mahmoud Abou Zeid, a freelance photographer, was [detained](#) on August 14, 2013, while covering clashes between Egyptian security forces and supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi during the dispersal of the pro-Morsi sit-in at Rabaa Al-Adawiya in Cairo, according to news reports. Abou Zeid has been accused of illegal assembly, murder, attempted murder, and possessing weapons.
3. Abdullah al-Shami, Egypt correspondent for Al-Jazeera, was [arrested](#) on August 14, 2013, while covering clashes between Egyptian security forces and supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi during the dispersal of pro-Morsi sit-ins at Rabaa Al-Adawiya in Cairo, according to news reports. Al-Shami is accused of possessing weapons.
4. Samhi Mustafa, executive director for the news website *Rassd*, was [arrested](#) on August 25, 2013. He and his colleagues, *Rassd* co-founder Abdullah al-Fakharny and Amgad TV presenter Mohamed al-Adly, are accused of publishing false news and “spreading chaos.” Previous charges against the journalists were unrelated to their work and included “disturbing the peace,” according to their lawyer, Ahmed Helmy. The lawyer denied the new allegations against them.
5. Abdullah al-Fakharny, co-founder of *Rassd* news website, was [arrested](#) on August 25, 2013. He and his colleagues, *Rassd* executive director Samhi Mustafa and Amgad TV presenter Mohamed al-Adly, are accused of publishing false news and “spreading chaos.” Previous charges against the journalists were unrelated to their work and included “disturbing the peace,” according to their lawyer, Ahmed Helmy. The lawyer denied the new allegations against them.

6. Mohamed al-Adly, a presenter for the religious satellite channel Amgad TV, was [arrested](#) on August 25, 2013. He and his colleagues, *Rassd* executive director Samhi Mustafa and *Rassd* co-founder Abdullah al-Fakharny, are accused of publishing false news and “spreading chaos.” Previous charges against the journalists were unrelated to their work and included “disturbing the peace,” according to their lawyer, Ahmed Helmy. The lawyer denied the new allegations against them.
7. Ahmed Gamal, a reporter for the online news network *Yaqeen*, was [arrested](#) on December 28, 2013, while covering student protests at Al-Azhar University, according to Yahya Khalaf, *Yaqeen*'s executive director, who spoke to CPJ. Gamal has not yet been charged, but he was accused on April 10, 2014, of participating in an illegal demonstration and assaulting a police officer.
8. Mohamed Fadel Fahmy, Cairo bureau chief for Al-Jazeera English, was [arrested](#) on December 29, 2013. He is facing trial with Al-Jazeera English correspondent Peter Greste and producer Baher Mohamed on charges of “distorting the country’s image abroad” and “fabricating news to aid the Muslim Brotherhood,” which the government has declared a terrorist organization, according to news reports.
9. Peter Greste, Al-Jazeera English correspondent, was [arrested](#) on December 29, 2013. He is facing trial with Mohamed Fadel Fahmy, Cairo bureau chief for Al-Jazeera English, and producer Baher Mohamed on charges of “distorting the country’s image abroad” and “fabricating news to aid the Muslim Brotherhood,” which the government has declared a terrorist organization, according to news reports.
10. Baher Mohamed, Al-Jazeera English producer, was [arrested](#) on December 29, 2013. He is facing trial with Mohamed Fadel Fahmy, Cairo bureau chief for Al-Jazeera English, and correspondent Peter Greste on charges of “distorting the country’s image abroad” and “fabricating news to aid the Muslim Brotherhood,” which the government has declared a terrorist organization, according to news reports.
11. Samah Ibrahim, reporter for the Muslim Brotherhood’s *Freedom and Justice* newspaper, was arrested on January 14, 2014, and [sentenced](#) on March 17, 2014, on charges including “disturbing the peace,” according to news reports. The North Cairo Court of Appeal [reduced](#) her prison sentence from one year to six months and a fine of 50,000 Egyptian pounds (US\$7,124). She was arrested in Cairo while photographing a protest

organized by members of the Muslim Brotherhood against the new constitution, according to her lawyer Khalid Eid, her lawyer, told CPJ.

12. Karim Shalaby, a reporter for the news website *Al-Masder*, was [arrested](#) on January 25, 2014, while covering anti-government demonstrations in Dokki, Giza. Shalaby, held at Wadi Natrun prison, is accused of participating in an illegal demonstration. *Al-Masder* is affiliated with the April 6 Youth Movement, which was banned by a court order on April 28, 2014.
13. Ahmed Fouad, a reporter for *Karmos* news website, was [arrested](#) on January 25, 2014, while covering a demonstration in Sidi Beshr by Muslim Brotherhood members, according to local press freedom groups and other reports. He has been charged with "joining a group that aims to disrupt the law," "demonstrating without permission," "blocking a road," and "possessing a weapon," according to reports.
14. Hussein Hassan Sobhy, a reporter for the online Radio Horytna, was [arrested](#) on February 21, 2014, while covering a protest by the Muslim Brotherhood in the Al-Haram district of Giza, according to news reports. He is accused of joining an illegal demonstration despite evidence submitted by the station to the police that showed Sobhy was on professional assignment, the station's deputy director, Samar al-Hussany, told CPJ.
15. Ahmed al-Ajos, correspondent for *Freedom and Justice News Gate*, was [arrested](#) on April 9, 2014, at his home in Minufiyah, according to news reports. He and Abdel Rahman Shaheen, another correspondent for the news website, are accused of inciting and committing violence in recent protests, which his outlet denies. *Freedom and Justice News Gate* is a news website affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which the Egyptian government has declared to be a terrorist organization.
16. Abdel Rahman Shaheen, correspondent for *Freedom and Justice News Gate*, was [arrested](#) on April 9, 2014, on the street in Suez City, according to news reports. He and Ahmed al-Ajos, another correspondent for the news website, are accused of inciting and committing violence in recent protests, which his outlet denies. *Freedom and Justice News Gate* is a news website affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which the Egyptian government has declared to be a terrorist organization.