



IAB STATEMENT ON THE CONCERNING SITUATION OF JOURNALISTS IN EGYPT

The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB – that represents over 17.000 radio and television stations in the three Americas is strongly concerned about the recent convictions and sentencing of three Al Jazeera journalists, currently imprisoned in Egypt, as well as by three other sentences pronounced against journalists in absentia.

Mohamed Fahmy, Peter Greste and Baher Mohamed were sentenced last Monday, June 23 to prison terms ranging from seven to ten years in prison, accused of allegedly falsifying news, which was not properly tested in the trial against them.

These sentences are contrary to the Fundamental Right to Freedom of Expression enshrined in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in other international Human Rights Treaties.

The effective exercise of Freedom of Expression is an essential instrument for the functioning of a representative democracy, through which individuals exercise their right to receive, impart and seek information.

IAB calls on the authorities and the Court of Egypt to revise the sentences and proceed to the immediate release of the journalists unjustly imprisoned.

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