

Cairo University MB Students Demonstrate against Professors Referral to Military Courts

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About 300 Muslim Brotherhood (MB) students demonstrated yesterday in front of Cairo University administration raising banners to criticize the military trials of university professors. A big banner was also raised with the signatures of the students participating in the demonstration.

Meanwhile, Dr. Issam Hashish's son raised a banner demanding why his father was imprisoned.

The demonstration was joined by Dr. Layla Soueif, professor at Cairo University Faculty of Science. She declared she was participating in solidarity with the professors referred to the Military Trials.

She called on the government to be rational, as universities and the country need professors' efforts to achieve scientific progress. She also said: "The regime's has created hostility with the people because it accuses honorable people."

The students chanted slogans in support of the professors, then distributed statements containing the images and names of the professors referred to Military Courts.

They are: Dr. Khaled Abdel Qader, professor of geology at Assiut University, Faculty of Science; Mahmoud Abou Leil, professor of surgery at Cairo University, Faculty of Medicine; Issam Hashish, professor of communication at Cairo University, Faculty of Engineering; Mohamed el-Bashir, professor at Menoufia University, Faculty of Engineering; Mohamed Khamis, professor of ophthalmia at the center for research on ophthalmic diseases; Issam Afifi, professor of chemistry at al-Azhar University Faculty of Medicine; Amir Bassam, al-Azhar University Faculty of Medicine