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Your Excellency,

We wish to express our concern about thirty-two Nubian activists who were referred to the Aswan State Security Emergency Court for 'participating in an unauthorized protest'. They were released pending trial on 15 November 2017. The charges stem solely from the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

We urge you to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against the thirty-two Nubian activists, and to stop referring offences under protest laws to State Security Emergency Courts.

In addition, we are concerned about the death in custody of prisoner of conscience Gamal Sorour, who was arrested along with a group of twenty-four Nubian protesters. He died as a result of medical negligence at Al Shalal Security Camp in Aswan. We call on you to promptly initiate an independent, impartial and effective investigation into his death and to bring anyone suspected of criminal responsibility to justice.

We thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and are confident of your good will and sense of justice.

The Municipal Council of Oosterhout, the Netherlands,

, town-clerk

, Mayor