

Egypt executes 15 political prisoners - October 5, 2020

Egypt's execution of 23 detainees, 15 of whom were political prisoners, over the weekend has ignited condemnation online. Of the 15 political prisoners who were executed over the weekend, at least two of them were members of the Muslim Brotherhood – Yasser Al-Abasiri, 49, and Yasser Shukr, 45. They were detained for taking part in the protests against the coup in the incident known as the “Library of Alexandria” - named after the demonstrations which took place in front of Alexandria's library. Egypt often carries out mass executions. In February this year, eight were executed after being tortured to give false confessions. For years, rights groups have lamented Egypt's judicial system which metes out death sentences in mass trials with little or no evidence.