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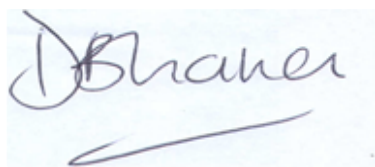
RINGS has been alerted to the arrest and detention of Ahmed Samir Santawy, a student at Central European University Vienna/Budapest. He was arrested in Cairo on 1 February 2021 and subsequently charged with belonging to a terrorist organization and spreading false news on social media. He is currently in detention without a hearing and has no access to legal representation.

As RINGS, we deplore his detention, and add our support to the call for the student's right to a fair hearing and for access to legal counsel. RINGS condemns this denial of the student's right to a fair hearing and calls on the Egyptian authorities to grant Ahmed immediate access to legal counsel and to his family. RINGS further call on them to resolve the matter as quickly as possible so that Ahmed can complete his master's degree in Vienna.

Further information on this case is available on:

<https://www.ceu.edu/article/2021-02-18/ignatieff-calls-international-effort-ensure-release-ahmed-samir-santawy>

Sincerely,



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