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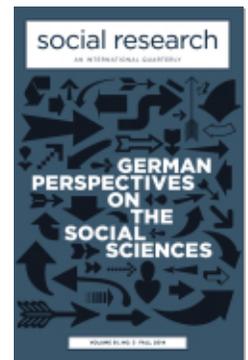
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Endangered Scholars Worldwide

Social Research was founded by a group of scholars known as the University in Exile, refugees from Nazi Europe who found a home at the New School. In each issue we publish the names and details of scholars, researchers, and students who have been threatened or imprisoned, along with ways to offer them support. We see this effort as consistent not only with our own history as a journal but with the need to call attention to the increasing and often brutal attempts to silence our colleagues around the world.

If you are aware of a scholar or student whose case you believe we should investigate, please contact us at socres@newschool.edu.

The information in this report is current, to the best of our knowledge, as of September 2, 2014. Additional information and more recent information about many of these cases, as well as sample letters of protest, may be found on our website at <http://www.newschool.edu/cps/endangered-scholars/>. We would also like to announce that Endangered Scholars Worldwide now has a Facebook page. Please like us and follow our posts at <https://www.facebook.com/endangeredscholars>.

SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS: NEW AND CONTINUING CASES

AZERBAIJAN

Students: On May 23, 2014, three student activists were arrested and taken to an unknown location after organizing a student protest at Baku State University: SUBHAN GAMBARLI and TAMERLAN FEYZULLALI, members of the

Free Youth Organization, and HUSEYN GARASULU, a member of National Front Party of Azerbaijan, one of the leading parties of the opposition wing. The protest took place in response to a decision of the Ministry of Education to increase tuition fees. The Ministry had set May 19th as the deadline for full tuition payments, and rejected student groups' demand for an extension of that deadline.

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BAHRAIN

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Bahrain who remain in prison include Prisoner of Conscience MAHDI 'ISSA MAHDI ABU DHEEB, former president of the Bahrain Teachers' Association, sentenced to five years' imprisonment on September 21, 2012, on charges of "inciting hatred against the regime" and "attempting to overthrow and change the regime by force"; and DR. ABDUL-JALIL AL-SINGACE, head of the department of engineering at the University of Bahrain, sentenced to life in prison by the military National Safety Court on charges of "plotting to topple" the government in June 2011. As of this report his health condition remains unknown.

Students: Previously featured students from Bahrain who remain in prison include AHMAD HASSAN ALI MSHAIMA', arrested on December 28, 2013, and charged on April 16, 2014, with "illegal gathering with an intent to commit crimes and disturb public security" following protests to mark the second anniversary of the uprising on February 14, 2013. Reports indicate that he has been tortured in prison. AHMED AL ARAB, 22, a nursing student from Bani Jamra, was arrested on January 9, 2014, in Hamad Town, and reportedly severely tortured in extracting a confession. According to his family, Al Arab has not been allowed to receive proper medical care for the resulting injuries. On May 12, 2014, his

family was able to visit him for 35 minutes. During the visit, Al Arab informed his family that during detention he was stripped naked and hung from his wrists while they were handcuffed behind his back. He was repeatedly insulted, assaulted, and deprived of sleep. When Al Arab refused to sign the confession paper, the interrogators applied waterboarding tactics on him. As of this report his health condition remains critical. Also still imprisoned are AHMED AOUN, arrested by authorities when he sought treatment at a hospital following an eye injury inflicted by police during protests on May 13, 2012; and six students, arrested on March 5, 2012, as part of a crackdown on student involvement in pro-democracy demonstrations: JAWAD AL-MAHARY, SHAWQI RADHI, JASSIM AL-MUKHODHER, YOUSIF AHMED, and JASSIM AL HULAINI, the latter of whom remains in prison despite the fact that he has served his full sentence. According to the Bahrain Youth Center in Al- Wafaq, all of these students have been severely tortured in order to extract confessions. All aforementioned scholars and students are in danger of being tortured and need your help.

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BENIN

Student: On November 12, 2013, a previously featured student leader, DAMIEN DÉGBÉ, was arrested following his involvement in organizing a two-day student strike on campus. The campus has remained under police surveillance since the initial protests.

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CAMEROON

Scholars and Researchers: On July 11, 2014, previously featured scholar ENOH MEYOMESSE was taken to the prison hospital for the second time. Meyomesse, 58, a writer, political activist, historian, blogger, and founder and president of the Cameroon Writers Association, remains in prison. On December 27, 2012, he was sentenced to seven years imprisonment on charges of illegally trafficking gold. No witnesses or evidence were presented during the trial, and he was not allowed to testify in his own defense. Meyomesse is a recipient of the 2012 Oxfam Novib/PEN Award in recognition of his continued work in the face of persecution. According to English PEN, Meyomesse's health situation is currently critical.

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CHILE

Students: On August 21, 2014, Chilean police deployed water cannons and fired loose tear gas to disperse student protesters after a march to demand education reforms from President Michelle Bachelet. Riot police also arrested a teacher during a protest in Santiago on August 21, 2014, demanding of Chilean President Michelle Bachelet that his government improve the public education quality in Santiago.

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CHINA

Scholars and Researchers: A number of scholars featured in previous issues remain in prison. ILHAM TOHTI, an economics professor and distinguished Uyghur scholar, has been held incommunicado by Chinese authorities since mid-January 2014 on separatism charges. According to his wife, Beijing's Minzu University, where Tohti used to teach, has informed Tohti's family that as of April 2014 the university had stopped paying his salary. This action leaves Tohti's family little to survive on as they struggle to cope with his disappearance. Tohti is a prominent scholar of China's Uyghur Muslim minority. On August 20, 2014, his lawyer announced that Chinese authorities stated that Tohti is scheduled for a pretrial hearing in September 2014 on the alleged charges.

ZHU JIANRONG, a Chinese scholar, has been held incommunicado by Chinese authorities since mid-July 2013. He went missing at that time while on a trip to Shanghai and was unable to communicate with family until more than three months later, when his brother in Shanghai received a letter written by Zhu. The letter confirms only that he is being detained by Chinese authorities and does not specify when he will be released. Prior to his disappearance, Zhu had been engaged in a research project involving interviews with officials of the Chinese military.

Also still imprisoned are writer and editor TASHI RABTEN (pen name Te'urang), sentenced to four years' imprisonment on June 2, 2011, for his critical political writings; GUO QUAN, a former literature professor at Nanjing Normal University, sentenced to 10 years in prison and 3 years of deprivation of political rights in October 2009 on charges of "inciting subversion of state power"; and LIU XIAOBO, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate and *Social Research* author, held in Jinzhou Prison since his arrest in December 2008 for "inciting subversion of state power."

Students: Previously featured student WANGCHUK DORJE, a Tibetan student leader at the Middle School of Humanities in Rebkong County, remains in prison. He was sentenced in June 2013 to four years in prison for his alleged role in organizing student protests.

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President, Supreme People's Court	

Facebook group in support of LIU XIAOBO: <http://www.facebook.com/Free.Liu>. Calls for letters on behalf of ILHAM TOHTI: http://www.scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/Documents/LOA_Tohti_04-15-2014.pdf

EGYPT

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars who remain in prison include EMAD SHAHIN, a political science professor at the American University in Cairo, who was charged for associating with the Muslim Brotherhood, including espionage and conspiring to undermine national security. However, since 2012, Professor Shahin had been publicly critical of President Mohamed Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood, as well as of the crackdown against them following Morsi's ouster. The alleged

charge carries a potential sentence of up to seven years in jail. AMR HAMZAWY, a professor at the American University in Cairo, has been charged with “insulting the judiciary” for a Tweet criticizing a court ruling. Hamzawy has played a prominent political role in the past three years, winning a seat in parliament and leading a liberal party. The charge carries a potential sentence of up to three years in jail.

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ETHIOPIA

Scholars and Researchers: On July 8, 2014, ABRAHA DESTA, a political science lecturer at Mekelle University, was arrested and detained, allegedly in connection with his involvement with the legally registered Arena Tigray Party. He has been held incommunicado since then. As of this report his whereabouts remain unknown.

Previously featured scholars and researchers who remain in prison in Ethiopia include ZELELEM KIBRET, a professor of law at Ambo University, and BEFIKADU HAILU, a former lecturer and current staff member at St. Mary’s University College, who were arrested along with members of the Zone 9 bloggers: ABEL WABELA, ATNAF BERAHANE, MAHLET FANTAHUN, BEFEQADU HAILU, NATNAEL FELEKE, ASMAMAW HAILEGEORGIS, TESFALEM WALDYES and EDOM KASSAYE. All were detained on April 26, 2014. “Zone 9” symbolizes the invisible prison that surrounds Ethiopians, implying that all citizens could be arrested at any time for exercising their right to free expression. The weblog’s mission is to cover harassment, threats, surveillance, and intimidation by the Ethiopian government. Kibret was arrested at the Ambo University campus, and intelligence forces seized computers and books from his office and home. Kibret, Hailu, and all the bloggers are reportedly charged with inciting violence through social

media and spreading instability in Ethiopia. The scholars are being held incommunicado at Makelawi prison with no access to legal representation, and officials have not permitted family members to visit the prisoners. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

Student: MANYAZEWA ESHETU, a previously featured student at Addis Ababa University, who was charged with criminal defamation for allegedly posting criticism of university and city officials for corruption on his Facebook page, remains in prison. Police apprehended him on campus and he remains held without charge. As of this report his condition remains unknown.

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Calls for letters on behalf of Prof. Kibret and Mr. Hailu: <http://goo.gl/dH1tR5>. Calls for letters on behalf of Abraha Desta: <http://goo.gl/9aLKg3>

IRAN

Scholars and Researchers: On June 18, 2014, SADEGH ZIBAKALAM, a political science professor at the University of Tehran, was sentenced to 18 months in prison after being convicted in charge of “propaganda against the Islamic Republic regime,” “publishing falsehoods to create public anxiety,” and “insulting judges and Judiciary officials.” Zibakalam is an outspoken scholar in Iran.

Previously featured scholars from Iran who remain in prison include SAEED MADANI, a sociologist and member of the Nationalist-Religious Front, sentenced on June 21, 2013, to six years in prison and ten years in exile; ARZHANG DAVOODI, a poet, teacher, and cofounder of

the pro-Western Confederation for Iranian Students, imprisoned since October 2003; MASOUD SEPEHR, a political science lecturer at Shiraz Azad University, detained without charge since his arrest on November 17, 2011; seven people connected to the Baha'i Institute for Higher Education, arrested following coordinated attacks on the institute in May 2011, including KAMRAN MORTEZAIE and VAHID MAHMOUDI, each sentenced to five years, and RAMIN ZIBAIE, MAHMOUD BADAIVAM, FARHAD SEDGHI, RIAZ SOBHANI, and NOUSHIN KHADEM, each sentenced to four years; two cultural figures, educator FARHAD VAKILINIA serving three years and NAEEM NAJAFI, a student, serving four years, both charged with "acting against national security" by supporting Kurdish opposition groups in August 2011; and DR. MOSTAFA ALAVI, an Iranian doctor and researcher sentenced to fifteen years in August 2008 for "plotting against the regime." ABDOLREZA GHANBARI, a university lecturer of Persian literature arrested following the 2009 presidential election protests, was initially sentenced to death by Judge Abolghasem Salavati in Branch 15 of the Islamic Revolutionary Court. His death sentence was reduced to fifteen years' imprisonment and exile to the south of Iran in June 2013 by the court of appeal. All of these scholars are at risk of torture and need your support.

Students: On August 12, 2014, VAHID RANJBAR, a member of the students union from the University of Sistan and Baluchistan was arrested in his home in Zahedan. He is suffering from a peptic ulcer. As of this report his location and situation remain unknown.

Previously featured students who remain in prison include MASOUMEH GHOLIZADEH, a former student activist and student in Turkey, who was arrested on May 23, 2014, shortly after his return to Tehran for a family visit. According to her family, she is suffering from heart failure and needs regular medical supervision; MARYAM SHAFIPOUR, 29, was sentenced to seven years in prison on March 1, 2014, by Branch 15 of the Revolutionary Court of Tehran under Judge Abolghasem Salavati on charges of "propaganda against the regime" and "assembly and collu-

sion against national security.” Shafipour was arrested on July 27, 2013. She spent 67 days in solitary confinement and eight months in “temporary detention” in Evin Prison while her case judge denied her right to be released on bail. On May 9, 2014, Shafipour developed a severe reaction to a medication that had been incorrectly prescribed for her for three months by prison doctors. The authorities have refused to allow her to see a specialist. As of this report her health condition remains acute. Shafipour is a prominent Iranian student activist who had been banned from pursuing higher education because of her student activism.

HAMID BABAEI, a PhD student at the University of Liege in Belgium, was arrested by the ministry of intelligence in August 2013 shortly after his return to Tehran for a family visit. After four months in detention, including three weeks of solitary confinement, Babaei was sentenced to six years in prison on December 21, 2013, for allegedly acting against national security by “communicating with hostile foreign governments and spying.”

Other Iranian students who remain in prison include ASHKAN ZAHABIAN, a student activist arrested on May 27, 2013, who is serving an eight-month sentence on charges of “acting against national security,” “spreading propaganda against the system,” and “forming an illegal group with intention of harming national security”; OMID KOKABEE, a PhD student in physics, sentenced to six years’ imprisonment in July 2012 on charges of communicating with a hostile government and taking illegal earnings apparently on the basis of his scholarship funding; SOROUSH SABET, serving a two-year sentence since September 2012 in connection with his involvement in protests in 2007; LEVA KHANJANI, a member of the persecuted Baha’i religious minority, banned from receiving further education and serving a two-year sentence in connection with her involvement in protests in 2009; SAYED ZIAODDIN (ZIA) NABAVI, serving a ten-year sentence after attending protests following the 2009 elections and currently in critical condition; and MAJID TAVAKOLI and BAHAREH HEDAYAT, distinguished student activists sentenced to eight-and-a-half and nine-and-a-half years, respectively, for their involvement in antigov-

ernment protests in 2009. HEDAYAT is in a critical condition. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

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Amnesty International and the Committee of Concerned Scientists have set up a petition for immediate release of KOKABEE that can be found at http://freomid.org/?page_id=1136.

Scholars at Risk has set up a petition letter in support of BABAEI. The petition letter and sample letters can be found at http://www.scholarsatrisk.nyu.edu/Documents/LOA_Babaei_04-02-2014.pdf.

IRAQ

Scholars and Researchers: Endangered Scholars Worldwide is greatly concerned about the assassination of professors in Iraq. On June 20, 2014, Professor OSAMA AL-RAWI, a physics professor at al-Mustansiriya University in Baghdad, was kidnapped, along with two of his sons, by unknown gunmen from their home in the al-Jami'a in Baghdad's city center. Their bodies were found 24 hours later in southern region of Baghdad. Each had been shot several times on in the head. As of this report, no one has claimed responsibility for the crime. This is not the

first time that such an incident has taken place against Iraqi scholars. On February 15, 2014, previously featured professor OMAR MOHAMED YUNIS was shot dead in front of his house in western Mosul. Professor Yunis taught at the University of Tal Afar in al-Mosul al-Jadeeda (the new Mosul City). Likewise, no one has claimed responsibility for the attack. In a similar incident on December 28, 2013, Professor BASHAR AWAD MAROUF, a prominent historian and Islamic scholar, was killed by gunmen in the western part of Mosul City. Professor Marouf was considered one of the preeminent scholars of modern Iraq. The identity of Professor Marouf's attackers remains unknown.

Students: On June 1, 2014, **Sama Laith**, student of Mouayadat al-Anbar University was killed when an Iraqi army sniper stationed near the school's College of Agriculture opened fire in Mouayadat al-Anbar University. Reports indicate that an assistant dean and two other students were also critically injured.

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ITALY

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Italy who remain in prison include six scientists convicted in October 2012 on charges of manslaughter for failing to predict an earthquake that devastated the city of L'Aquila in 2009. Each received a sentence of six years' imprisonment: ENZO BOSCHI, FRANCO BARBERI, BERNARDO DE BERNARDIS, GIULIO SALVAGI, CALVI GIANMICHELE, and CLAUDIO EVA.

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LAOS

Students: Previously featured student protestors THONGPASEUTH KEUAKOUN, SENG-ALOUN PHENGPHANH, and BOUAVANH CHANHMANIVONG remain in prison following their arrest in 1999 on charges of treason for displaying posters calling for economic, political, and social change during demonstrations.

Please send appeals to:

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MONGOLIA

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholar ROLMAAJIDIIN TSENGEL, a southern Mongolian historian and translator, remains in prison. He was arrested on May 6, 2012, on charges of “attempting to overthrow the government of Mongolia and conspiracy of a coup.” Tsengel is currently being held in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator’s Pre-trial Detention Center No. 461. He has been subject to torture during his detention and banned from having visitors or legal representatives.

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RUSSIA

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Russia who remain in prison are SVYATOSLAV BOBYSHEV and YEVGENY AFANASYEV, both professors at Baltic State Technical University in St. Petersburg, who were sentenced at a closed trial in June 2012 to 12 years in prison on charges of espionage and passing secret information to the Chinese government.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholars from Saudi Arabia who remain in prison include DR. ABDUL KAREEM YOUSEF AL-KHODR, a professor of comparative jurisprudence at Qassim University, sentenced on June 24, 2013 to eight years' imprisonment and a ten-year travel ban; DR. SA'UD MUKHTAR AL-HASHIMI, a medical doctor and faculty member at the King Abdul-Aziz University, sentenced in November 2011 to thirty years in prison, which is to be followed by a thirty-year travel ban; DR. YUSUF AL-AHMAD, an Islamic scholar who taught at Imam Muhammad bin Sa'ud University in Riyadh, arrested after posting a YouTube video critical of long-term detention of security suspects without due juridical process and sentenced to five years' imprisonment and a five-year travel ban on April 11, 2012; NADHIR AL-MAJID, a teacher and writer, detained on April 17, 2011, soon after the appearance of an article in which

he criticized the Saudi government; and university Professors SA'UD AL-DUGHAITHIR, MUHAMMAD BIN NASIR AL-GHAMIDI, and ABD AL-KARIM AL-KHADHAR, all members of a group of nine intellectuals who drafted a proposal seeking to create what would have been the first political party in Saudi Arabia, arrested on February 16, 2011. All are at risk of torture and need your support.

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SENEGAL

Student: BASSIROU FAYE, a student in the department of science and technology at Cheick Anta Diop University of Dakar was killed on August 14, 2014, during riots between students and police.

Protests at Cheick Anta Diop University have been ongoing for several months. Faye was reportedly shot during an encounter with police as he was leaving his dormitory; he was immediately taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly thereafter.

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SUDAN

Scholars and Researchers: Previously featured scholar SIDIG NOREEN ALI ABDALLA, who has taught at West Kordofan University, remains in prison. He was arrested on January 16, 2014, while his son was undergoing treatment at a hospital in Khartoum. He is currently being held in El

Obeid without access to legal representation and has not been allowed to contact his family members.

Students: On March 11, 2014, Sudanese security forces used lethal bullets on a group of student protesters on the campus of the University of Khartoum, killing one student, ALI ABAKAR MUSA IDRIS, a third-year economics student. Seven more students were critically injured, and more than 100 students were arrested by security forces. The students had reportedly convened a meeting on campus to discuss the Sudanese government's failure to respond to ongoing violence against civilians in Darfur.

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SYRIA

Scholars and Researchers: Scholars from Syria who remain in prison include MAHMOUD BAHBOUH, a university professor who was arrested in June 2013 by Syrian authorities and has been incommunicado since his arrest. As of the date of this report, his location and condition remains unknown. Bahbouh was a professor of chemistry at Al'baath University.

ABDULRAHMAN ALKHATEB has been imprisoned since September 28, 2013. He was the head of the Syrian Arab Crescent Branch in Talbisah, Homs and the chair of the civil engineering department at Al'Baath University.

Students: ANAS SHUGHRI, a third-year economics student, remains in prison without any specific charge.

The crisis in Syria continues to have a devastating impact on professors, researchers, students and the whole body of higher education system in Syria. According to “The War Follows Them: Syrian University Students and Scholars in Lebanon,” published by the Institute of International Education and the University of California Davis’ Human Rights Initiative, as of July 2014, scores of students in rising numbers have fled Syrian universities and are living in refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon. Since conflicts began in March 2011, universities have been targeted in retribution for student and faculty participation in protests. In the past year, universities in Aleppo and Damascus have been bombed, killing students and destroying university classrooms, dormitories, and labs (as reported in our summer 2014 feature). The Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis, a program led by the Institute of International Education, is bringing together universities throughout the world to establish scholarships for displaced Syrian students, with the goal of providing 600 scholarships, starting in 2014. For information on the Syria Consortium for Higher Education, please visit: <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Syria-Scholarships>

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THAILAND

Scholars and Researchers: On May 30, 2014, the newly installed National Peace and Order Maintaining Council issued an order calling on a number of scholars and writers to report to military authorities or face potential arrest. As of this report, it is not clear whether any of the summoned

scholars have been detained or formally charges. The scholars reportedly include university professors SOMSAK JEAMTEERASAKUL, WORACHET PAKEERUT, SUDSANGUAN SUTHISORN and SAWATRI SUKSRI, who have lectured at Thammasat University; university professor SUDA RANGUPAN from Chulalongkorn University; philosopher SURAPOT THAWEEESAK; and PAVIN CHACHAVALPONGPUN, currently a professor of Southeast Asian studies at Kyoto University in Japan.

Endangered Scholars Worldwide express its grave concerns about the situation and believes that such a threat undermines academic freedom and institutional autonomy. Thai authorities and the National Peace and Order Maintaining Council are responsible for the protection of all scholars' academic freedom and well-being in the country.

Please send appeals to:

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VIETNAM

Students: Previously featured students who remain in prison in Vietnam include DINH NGUYEN KHA and NGUYEN PHUONG UYEN, sentenced to eight and six years in prison, respectively, on charges of “conducting propaganda against the state” at a trial in May 2013. The two were arrested in October 2012 for handing out leaflets critical of the government.

Please send appeals to:

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RELEASES

BELARUS

We are happy to report that ALES BIALIATSKI, a Belarus human rights leader, was freed from prison after three years.

TURKEY

We are happy to report that Turkish Supreme Court of Appeals has overturned life sentence for sociologist PINAR SELEK, who was convicted for her alleged involvement in the bombing of Istanbul's Spice Bazaar in 1998.

EGYPT

KARIMA AL-SEIRFY, 18, a university student and the daughter of President Mohamed Morsi's advisor Amin al-Seirfy, was released on August 19, 2014. She is an undergraduate student at Al-Azhar School of Law and Jurisprudence. She was arrested on March 19 on charges of espionage, but no evidence was brought against her.

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