

Christian Leaders Arrested in Egypt

Unprecedented, high-profile actions of a Muslim-turned-Christian journalist provokes arrests, death threats and widespread anti-Christian sentiment.



Egyptian police recently arrested the leader of a Christian rights group after he made supportive and highly conspicuous contact with a controversial Muslim convert to Christianity, reported watchdog *Compass Direct News*.

Officials from the State Security Investigation (SSI), Egypt's security police, reportedly bound and blindfolded Dr. Adel Fawzy Faltas, 61, while ransacking his home in Cairo's Zamalek neighborhood and confiscating multiple computers along with other items.

Faltas is president of the Egyptian branch of the Middle East Christian Association (MECA), a Canada-based religious liberties and human rights group. Also arrested with Faltas was his co-worker at MECA, Peter Ezzat, while the rest of MECA's leaders went into hiding, *Compass* reported.

The arrests were apparently attributable in part to Faltas' recent advocacy on behalf of Mohammed Ahmed Hegazy, a Muslim-turned-Christian journalist and political activist who days earlier had filed suit in Egypt to legally change his identification card to Christian. [Read More](#)