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Mahmoud Tawfiq  
Ministry of Interior,  
25 El Sheikh Rihan Street Bab al-Louk,  
Cairo, ÄGYPTEN

Hamburg, February 25th, 2024

**Abdul-Baqi Saeed Abdo**

Dear Minister,

Yemeni asylum seeker Abdul-Baqi Saeed Abdo is being arbitrarily detained in Egypt and is now at risk of being deported to Yemen, where his life would be in danger. Abdul-Baqi Saeed Abdo and his family were forced to flee from Yemen to Egypt in 2014 after he announced his conversion to Christianity on social media and the family was brutally attacked as a result. Egyptian security forces arrested Abdul-Baqi Saeed Abdo on December 15, 2021, and disappeared him for two weeks before the public prosecutor's office ordered his pre-trial detention for alleged "membership in a terrorist group" and "defamation of the Islamic religion".

I urge you to immediately release Abdul-Baqi Saeed Abdo as his detention is linked solely to the exercise of his rights to freedom of expression, conscience, and belief.

Please halt any plans to deport him to Yemen, where he would be at real risk of persecution. Pending his release, he should be held in conditions meeting international standards for the treatment of prisoners, and granted immediate access to his family, lawyers, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Yours sincerely