

# **Report for United Kingdom: Egypt's 2019 UPR Recommendations and Proposed Actions for 2025**

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**Report for the United Kingdom: Egypt's 2019 UPR Recommendations and Proposed Actions for 2025****1. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Strengthen protections for and support to victims of all forms of human trafficking, regardless of nationality.****Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report references general anti-trafficking initiatives, but challenges remain in providing comprehensive support and protection for trafficking victims, especially for non-Egyptian nationals. Legal protections and assistance programs, including shelter, medical care, and rehabilitation, are essential for addressing the needs of all victims of trafficking.

**Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 1:* Egypt should enhance protections for trafficking victims by implementing comprehensive support programs, including shelters, medical care, and legal assistance. Egypt should ensure that these services are accessible to all victims, regardless of nationality.

**Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What specific support services does Egypt provide to trafficking victims, including non-Egyptians?
- How does Egypt ensure that victims of human trafficking receive adequate protection and rehabilitation?

**2. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Release those detained for exercising their right to freedom of expression, including all journalists, activists, and human rights defenders, and unblock news and social media websites.****Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report acknowledges constitutional protections for freedom of expression; however, restrictive laws and practices remain in place. Journalists, activists, and HRDs continue to face detention for exercising their rights, and numerous news and social media sites remain blocked. Ensuring freedom of expression requires the removal of these restrictions and the release of individuals detained for peaceful expression.

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**Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 2:* Egypt should release all individuals detained for peacefully exercising their freedom of expression and lift restrictions on news and social media websites. Legal protections should be strengthened to prevent further detentions of journalists, activists, and HRDs.

**Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What steps has Egypt taken to release detained journalists, activists, and HRDs?
- How does Egypt ensure that freedom of expression is protected both online and offline?

**3. Recommendation in 2019 UPR: Implement recommendations from the Committee against Torture to ensure access to medical assistance and family visits in prisons.****Egypt's Response Since 2019:**

Egypt's National Report claims adherence to humane treatment in detention; however, reports indicate that detainees continue to face restricted access to medical assistance and family visits. Implementing the Committee against Torture's recommendations would help improve detainee welfare and compliance with international standards.

**Proposed New Recommendation for 2025:**

*Recommendation 3:* Egypt should implement the Committee against Torture's recommendations to guarantee detainees regular access to medical assistance and family visits. Independent monitoring mechanisms should be established to ensure compliance with humane treatment standards in all detention facilities.

**Proposed Questions in Advance for 2025 UPR:**

- What measures has Egypt taken to ensure detainees have access to medical care and family visits?
- How does Egypt monitor and enforce humane treatment standards in detention facilities?

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## Conclusion

The UK's 2019 recommendations emphasized Egypt's need to strengthen anti-trafficking support, uphold freedom of expression, and improve detainee treatment. While Egypt's National Report notes some efforts, further legal reforms and protective measures are needed to align with international human rights standards. The proposed recommendations for 2025 highlight the importance of accountability, support services, and compliance with detainee rights.

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