



## Mohammed Hegazy Egypt

Hegazy, an Egyptian convert from Islam using the Christian name Bishoy Armeya Boulos, was arrested on 4 December 2013 and sentenced to five years in prison on 18 June 2014 after he filmed clashes between Muslims and Christians in central Egypt. He is accused of filming a demonstration without government permission. The reason for the extreme sentence most likely lies in Bishoy's history. He converted to Christianity in 1999 at age 17. In 2007, he petitioned the government to change his official religious status, resulting in death threats which forced his family into hiding. In November 2014, Bishoy stated he was tortured by prison officials and denied access to a Bible. Following his appeal, the court overturned two of three charges on 28 December and sentenced him to a year in prison. Although eligible for immediate release, Bishoy was returned to prison. On 26 January he filed a final appeal.

### Dear Bishoy,

My prayers are with you as you endure the fellowship of suffering. May those who persecute you see Jesus in your life. When one part of the body suffers the whole body suffers. Many Christians around the world are standing with you. Romans 8:18 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." 2 Corinthians 4:17 "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

صلواتي معكم وانتم تتحملون شركة الالام.

ليرى الذين يضطهدونكم يسوع في حياتكم.

حين يتالم عضو واحد كل الجسد يتالم. كثير من المؤمنين في العالم يساندونكم.

فاني احسب ان آلام الزمان الحاضر لا تقاس بالمجد العتيد ان يستعلن فينا.

لان خفة ضيقتنا الوقتية تتشى لنا اكثر فاكثر نعمل مجد ابديا

