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# Egypt Continues to Advance Human Rights



**Egypt has instituted a fundamental shift in social protection to reflect a human rights-centered approach to support the development of the country and its people.** The National Human Rights Strategy, a first of its kind in Egypt, is a comprehensive approach to engage the whole of society and implementing changes in a specific time frame between 2021 and 2026.

The Strategy's second year implementation report (2022-2023) was just published highlighting the achieved progress on the level of the strategy's four pillars, as follows:



## Civil and Political Rights

Legal reviews were conducted which resulted in the release of 620 persons in pretrial detention, with Presidential pardons reaching 19,675 inmates. Field inspections were conducted for rehabilitations centers where legal and disciplinary actions were taken following complaints and cases related to allegations of torture or cruelty.

The Presidential Pardon Committee has accelerated pardons with 4,187 prisoners pardoned on National Police Day in January 2024 and an additional 4,199 inmates receiving presidential pardons in celebration of Eid Al-Adha.



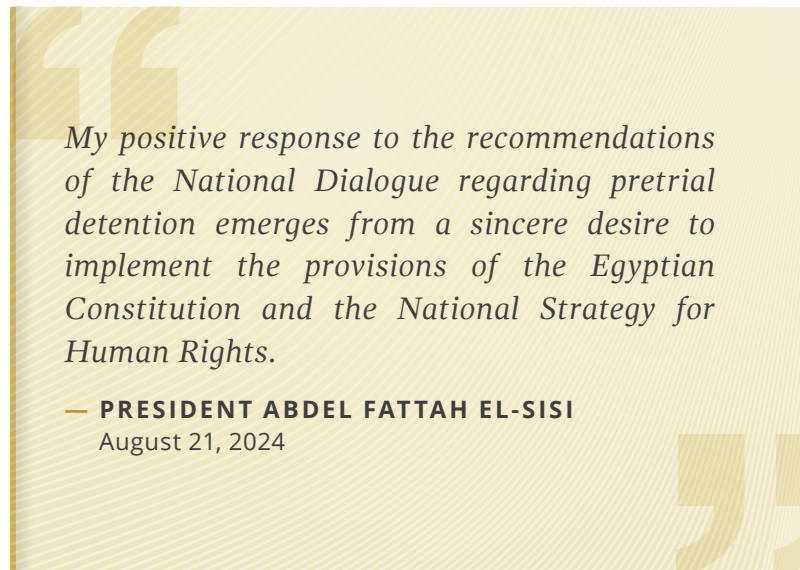
## Economic, Social & Cultural Rights

Employment efforts resulted in 593,859 young men and women finding jobs through the national employment bulletin and labor offices, and allocations for the education sector has now reached 7.7% of the total public budget in 2023-24. Additionally, public investment in healthcare increased to over \$8 billion USD last year, a nearly \$2 billion USD increase.



## Human Rights Education

Egypt conducted over 270 seminars for nearly 50,000 school student and training courses were held for officers on combating violence against women and the UN standard rules for the treatment of prisoners (Mandela Rules).



*My positive response to the recommendations of the National Dialogue regarding pretrial detention emerges from a sincere desire to implement the provisions of the Egyptian Constitution and the National Strategy for Human Rights.*

— **PRESIDENT ABDEL FATTAH EL-SISI**  
August 21, 2024



## Rights of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities, Youth and the Elderly

Women's rights were a core focus in the last year with an increase to 147 female judge in the regular judiciary, 137 in the Council of State (administrative courts), 1,274 in the State's Lawsuits Authority and 2,419 in the Administrative Prosecution. Health, education and social services for persons with disabilities improved with the increase of issuing integrated services to 1.1 million people. Integrated services users to receive increased public services, access to free healthcare and employment services, discounts on transportation, and adequate government housing unit.

## Progress on Important Human Rights Topics



**On August 8, President El-Sisi instructed to initiate legal measure to issue presidential pardons for 600 men and women.** The presidential pardon is a constitutional tool used periodically to release sentenced prisoners due to humanitarian and health reasons.



**Egypt is working to provide more legal protection and guarantees within its judicial system,** Law number 1-2024 amended the criminal procedure code and provided for the first time an additional judicial step to appeal rulings on criminal offenses.



**The Parliament is currently examining a new draft law proposed by the government to amend the legal system for pretrial detention.** Simultaneously, President El-Sisi has approved recommendations presented by the Board of Trustees of the National Dialogue on reforming legal rules for pretrial detention, which include shortened periods of detention, strengthen judicial guarantees and requirements for this measure, stipulate for alternatives measures, as well as provide indemnification in cases of wrongful detention.

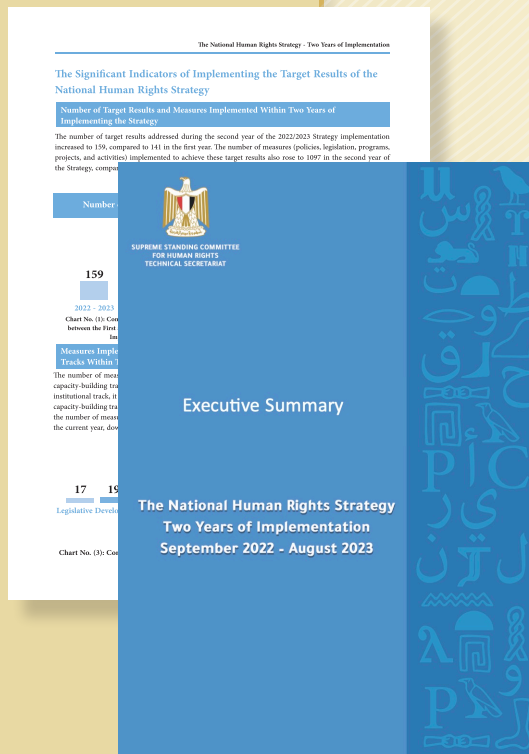


**Efforts continue to promote freedom of religion,** the committee in charge of regularizing churches approved 3160 churches out of 5415 requests. A new plot of land with an area of 1,911 square meters was assigned in New Cairo for the construction of a new evangelical church, in addition to allocating a plot of 4,000 square meters to construct the first evangelical church in the new administrative capital.

## The Egyptian National Human Rights Strategy

The National Human Rights Strategy is focused on advancing all human rights in Egypt through enhancing respect for and protection of all civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, stipulated for in the Constitution, national laws and international and regional instruments ratified by Egypt.

The Strategy is the first integrated national human rights strategy in Egypt. The Strategy reflects a national conviction that a comprehensive and serious approach to enhancing human rights and fundamental freedoms should be adopted; an approach geared by a clear vision and strategic planning.



## Key Focus Areas



Civil and Political Rights



Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights



Promoting Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities, Youth, and Elderly Rights



Human Rights Education and Capacity-Building

For more information:

Egypt National Human Rights Strategy



Egypt National Human Rights Strategy Two Years of Implementation Executive Summary



Egypt National Human Rights Report (2020-2023)



The National Dialogue

