

## **TIMELINE OF EVENTS IN THE CASE OF MAIKEL NABIL**

February 2011: Dr. Nabil posted on his blog that “The army and the people are of one hand” – speaking of his hope for the Arab Spring where the people and the army will band together in the struggle for democracy, freedom, and human rights.

March 2011: – Following arrests of civilians and protesters by military authorities, Dr. Nabil posted on his blog that “The people and the army were never of one hand”.

March 28, 2011: Dr. Nabil was jailed for three years on the charge of “insulting the military” and “spreading false news”.

April 11, 2011: Human Rights Watch criticizes the military tribunal in Dr. Nabil’s case denying the right of Nabil to a hearing an independent and impartial tribunal, for denying his right to appeal, for denying him effective due process.

August 23, 2011: Dr. Nabil began a hunger strike in jail, challenging his sentence and the jurisdiction of the military court. He was moved to a psychiatric hospital, drawing severe condemnation from Egypt’s mental health community.

August 30, 2011: Amnesty International declares Nabil a “prisoner of conscience”.

October 2011: A military appeals court revoked his sentence and set a retrial for November 1.

October 24, 2011: The General Secretariat of Mental Health in a release on the Nabil case, “condemns all attempts to abuse mental hospitals for purposes other than the ones they were designed”.

October 27, 2011: The Egyptian government returned Dr. Nabil to a military prison in northern Cairo after a panel of psychiatrists declared him free from mental illness.

November 11, 2011: Dr. Nabil rejects authority of Egyptian military tribunal – rejects appointed lawyer – family contacts Prof. Irwin Cotler and grants him power of attorney to serve as international legal counsel.

November 13, 2011: A military court adjourned Nabil’s case until November 27.

Today: Maikel Nabil bravely continues his hunger strike, with his life hanging by a thread.