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*Dear Sir George,*

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 November to the Foreign Secretary on behalf of a number of your constituents about Alaa Abd El-Fattah. I am replying as the Minister of State for North Africa.

I appreciate that this continues to be a difficult time for Mr El-Fattah and his family and would like to reassure your constituent that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is aware of his case. Ministers and Officials are working hard to help resolve his case and continue to provide assistance to his family.

Due to data protection regulations, I am not able to share information with third parties without Mr El-Fattah's consent. As I am sure you can appreciate, we have a responsibility to protect personal information and, as I do not have the required consent from Mr El-Fattah, I am unable to provide further details.

However, information about the type of assistance we can and cannot provide can be found in our Support for British Nationals Abroad guide:

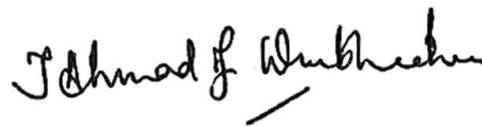
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-british-nationals-abroad-a-guide>.

Please be assured that Mr El-Fattah's case remains a priority for the UK Government, and we continue to raise his case at the highest Levels. The Prime Minister recently raised Mr El-Fattah's case during his meeting with President Sisi during COP 27, and the Foreign Secretary has raised the case on several occasions with Foreign Minister Shoukry. Our officials at the British Embassy in Cairo are in regular contact with the Egyptian authorities.

I have also raised the case with both Foreign Minister Shoukry and the Egyptian Ambassador to London, and I have met the family on a number of occasions.

I can assure you the UK, both in London and through our officials at the British Embassy in Cairo, will continue to engage with the Egyptian authorities to secure consular access to Mr El-Fattah and seek his release.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tariq Ahmad of Wimbledon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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