



FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

EGYPT

Introduction

These victim profiles are illustrative of those in the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief Victims List database. Mandated by the amended International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the Victims List documents individuals who are detained, imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, forced to renounce their faith, or subjected to house arrest due to their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy.

Religions of Individuals in Egypt on the FoRB Victims List

- Christian – Unspecified/Other
- Christian – Orthodox
- Humanist



Marco Girgis

Religion or Belief: Christian – Orthodox
 Arrested: June 14, 2021
 Sentence: 5 Years’ Imprisonment
 Reason for Persecution: Online activity, blasphemy

COPTS

Copts, Egyptian Christians, are the largest religious minority in Egypt. Copts from all denominations—the traditional Coptic Orthodox Church as well as Coptic Catholic, Evangelical, and more—are subject to harassment and repression by government officials. State security, prosecutors and judges have targeted Copts for speaking out about anti-Coptic discrimination and for alleged insults against Islam (i.e., blasphemy).



Maged Zakaria Abdel Rahman

Religion or Belief: Humanist
 Arrested: September 2025
 Reason for Persecution: Expressing his beliefs on social media

NON-BELIEVERS AND THEOLOGICAL DISSENTERS

The government of Egypt has systematically targeted individuals who publicly promote religious ideas that deviate from the state’s interpretation of Sunni Islam. This includes non-believers, atheists, humanists, and secularists.



Said Abdelrazek

Religion or Belief: Christian – Unspecified/Other
 Arrested: July 2025
 Reports of Torture: Yes
 Reason for Persecution: Conversion and online religious activity

CONVERTS FROM ISLAM TO OTHER RELIGIONS

Government actors have used the blasphemy statute and other laws to detain converts from Islam to other religions, usually Christianity, as well as people who provide information or support to those considering religious conversion.



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NOT RELEASED

Marco Girgis
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RELEASED

Abanoub Magdy Semaan
Abdulbaqi Saeed Abdo
Ahmed Mohamed
Anas Hassan
Girgis Samir Girgis
Hani Gibran
Jayid Saad Zekry
Milad Mahrous Tawfik
Milad Reda Tawfik Ayyad
Mina Salib Hosni
Mounir Samir Mounir
Patrick George Zaki
Ramy Kamel
Raymond Mamdouh William
Reda Abdel Rahman
Shenouda Salib Hosni