

Egyptian Court Postpones Trial of Ousted President



Cairo, August 19 (RHC)-- An Egyptian court has adjourned the trial of ousted President Mohamed Morsi on alleged charges of prison break. On Monday, the Cairo Criminal Court postponed the trial of Morsi, along with some 130 Muslim Brotherhood figures, until August 23th.

They are accused of breaking into Egyptian prisons during the uprising against former leader Hosni Mubarak back in 2011. The court heard testimonies of the witnesses for the prosecution during Monday's session.

Morsi has been accused of a number of charges, including alleged espionage and conspiracy, insulting the judiciary and inciting violence against anti-government protests. Morsi, Egypt's first democratically-elected president, was toppled in a military coup led by Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, Egypt's current president and then army commander.

Sisi is accused of leading the suppression of Brotherhood supporters as hundreds of them have been killed in clashes with Egyptian security forces over the last year.

Rights groups say the army's crackdown on the supporters of Morsi has left over 1,400 people dead and 22,000 arrested, while some 200 people have been sentenced to death in mass trials. International bodies and rights groups have already denounced the rulings as a grotesque example of the shortcomings of Egypt's justice system.

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