

Muslim Brotherhood Supporters Among 112 Acquitted in Egypt



Cairo, September 29 (RHC)-- Egypt has exonerated tens of Muslim Brotherhood supporters, convicted of staging illegal protests on the third anniversary of the country's 2011 revolution against former dictator Hosni Mubarak.

On Sunday, an appeals court acquitted 112 people, including Muslim Brotherhood supporters, out of the 1,079 arrested during the crackdown on nationwide protests on January 25th. At least 49 people were killed after security forces clashed with demonstrators on that day. The 112 had originally been given one-year jail terms by a lower court.

The demonstrators had been charged with breaking protest laws, illegal gathering, stirring violence, blocking roads, assaulting police officers, and vandalizing public and private property. Last November, Egypt placed more restriction on demonstrations by adopting new laws that only allow police-sanctioned protests.

On Saturday, a different court in the capital Cairo postponed Mubarak's verdict to November 29th. Egypt has been experiencing unrelenting violence since Mohamed Morsi, the country's first democratically-elected president, was ousted on July 3, 2013. Hundreds lost their lives in the ensuing violence across the country.

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