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Shaimaa el Sabbagh

STATEMENT

The Socialist International Women is deeply shocked and saddened by the death of Shaimaa el Sabbagh.

Shaimaa was shot dead on 24 January 2015 allegedly by the Egyptian police as she was on her way to lay flowers at the memorial of those killed during the Egyptian uprising on 25 January 2011, in Talat Harb Square, Cairo.

Shaimaa was in her early thirties and has left behind a five-year-old son. She had taken active part in the Tha'era Women's Network, a regional network hub for progressive women in the Arab region.

The Socialist International Women condemns the attacks and brutality by the Egyptian Police on innocent demonstrators and urges the Egyptian government to investigate the death of Shaimaa el Sabbagh and to hold those responsible to account. The Socialist International Women also calls on the Egyptian government to take all the necessary measures to ensure its citizens are able to demonstrate peacefully and express their views without facing threats, intimidation or violence. Everyone has the right to peaceful assembly and to freedom of expression.

We take this opportunity to send our condolences to the family of Shaimaa el Sabbagh, to her party, the Socialist Popular Alliance Party (SPAP), and to the Tha'era Network. Her passion for social justice, equality, the empowerment of women, and her lively spirit and courage will be missed by all of us.