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The Arab Social Democratic Forum (ASDF) expresses its deep concern regarding the political developments in Egypt. The escalation of violence is unprecedented; we urge all the parties to act with utmost self-restraint. Peaceful freedom of expression should be guaranteed to everyone and the security forces must abide by international standards.

We also express our deep fear of the return to the practices of security state that deviate from the democratic path; the Egyptians have demanded democracy since January 2011 revolution.

The ASDF calls for the release of all the prisoners who have not been involved in acts of violence or its incitement and investigation by an independent national body with those who were involved, those responsible should be brought to justice.

The members of the ASDF calls on all political forces in Egypt to work constructively and make every effort to keep their achievements and unify to complete the roadmap in order to draft a civilian constitution that satisfies Egypt's aspirations, and to hold parliamentary and presidential elections as soon as possible.

In this regard, the ASDF supports the efforts of the Egyptian Social Democratic Party to protect the democratic process in Egypt and its confirmation that security solutions has not and will not substitute the political ones. In this context the ASDF advocates the position of the Party's strict criticism of the Protest Law, which was described as a serious setback to the democratic path.

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