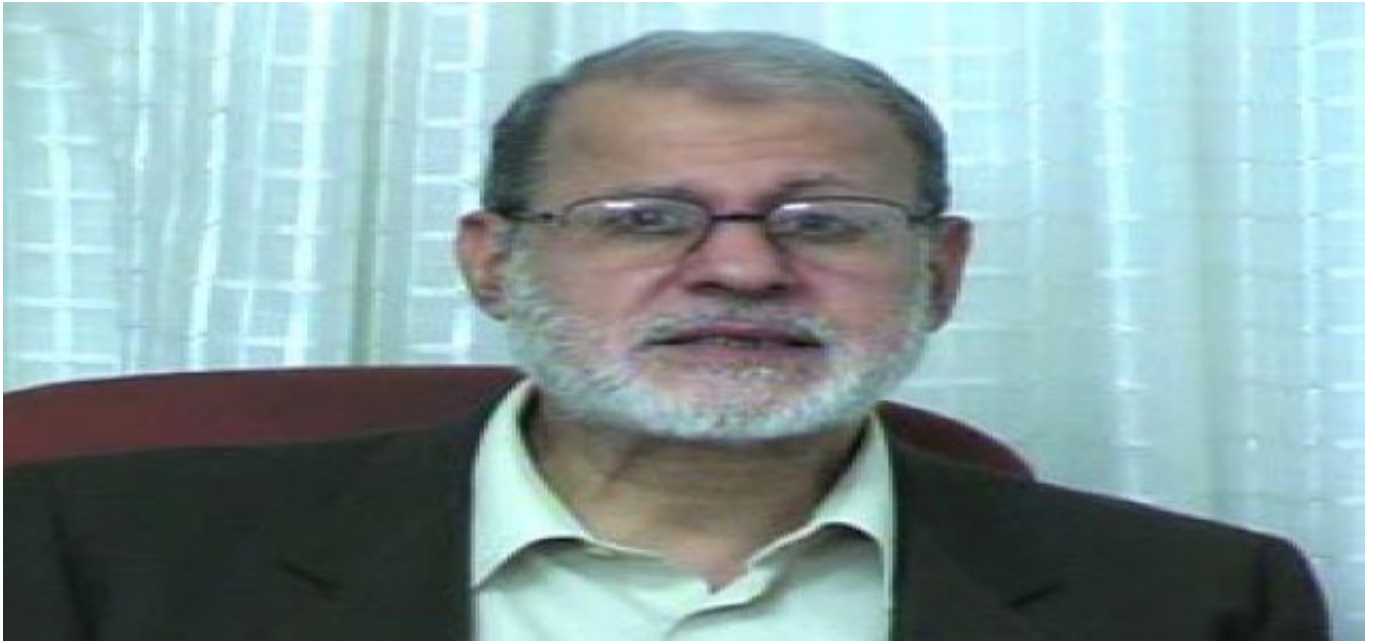


Press Statement Over Releasing 48 Al-Azhar University Students



Doctor Mohamed Habib, the first deputy chairman of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), welcomed the attorney general's decision of releasing 48 students from Al-Azhar University and considered it as a positive step, although it was delayed so much.

He wondered about the fate of other students for whom the Criminal Court issued previously a ruling of immediate release, while the Interior Ministry issued another arrest warrant against them and they are still under provisional detention.

The MB leader demanded that they must be immediately released like their colleagues in order to end the file of the students' case, especially that they apologized for the athletic display performed by some of them although it caused no harm to any one.

He hopes also that this will be a curtain raiser for canceling the ensuing big cases after they were overblown to the extent that some Muslim Brotherhood leaders have been referred to a military tribunal and their assets were frozen and became under supervision of the Supreme State Security Court.

He said that all these actions must be canceled for the sake of justice and to end tensions in preparation for a full public national reconciliation that may achieve the higher interests of the country.