WHAT DOES AN ANNUAL $1.3 BILLION IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT BUY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS?

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- Egypt’s ranking as the world’s 3rd largest jailer of journalists (tied with Saudi Arabia), according to the latest account—10.5% of the global total

- The unjust imprisonment of at least 2 U.S. citizens on political charges; and the death of a third, Mustafa Kassem, who was in prison for 7 years before he died in custody

- 302 unlawful government killings in the first half of 2019, and, as documented by an Egyptian NGO, an average of 40-50 torture cases per month

- A multi-billion-dollar purchase from Russia of more than 20 SU-35 fighter jets, despite warnings from U.S. officials that such a deal would violate the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA)

- The politically motivated arrests of at least 60,000 people—including activists, academics, and artists—for expressing internationally guaranteed rights of speech, assembly, and association

- Widespread violence against women—nearly 1 in 3 women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence—and a recent arrest campaign against women posting on social media for “promoting debauchery” and spreading “immorality”

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- Military, diplomatic, and economic cooperation with North Korea, including attempts to conceal the extent of its weapons purchases, despite U.S. and U.N. sanctions

- The arrests of at least 10 doctors and 6 journalists for contradicting the government’s narrative on the coronavirus pandemic

- Discrimination against Egyptian Christians, including ongoing obstacles to building churches, de facto impunity for perpetrators of religiously motivated crimes, and extra-judicial conflict “reconciliation” sessions that are biased against Christians

- Ongoing repression of and discrimination against the LGBTQ community, including at least 92 arrests for same-sex conduct in 2019; activist Sarah Hegazy tragically died from suicide after her imprisonment

- A brutal, indiscriminate, and ineffective campaign in the Sinai—using U.S.-supplied weapons—in which there have been arbitrary arrests and torture, the razing of 80% of farmable land, and credible reports of extra-judicial killings