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Excessive use of force has led to the death of hundreds of protestors. Increasingly severe restrictions are being placed on freedom of association, freedom of assembly and freedom of expression through the passage of laws which unreasonably regulate public assembly and civil society organisations.

The situation of women human rights defenders in Egypt is particularly alarming. The State specifically targets WHRDs through virginity tests and other violations by the Supreme Council of Armed Forces. There have been numerous cases of rape and sexual-based violence, particularly against female demonstrators since June 2012 and, in July 2013, almost 100 women protestors were sexually assaulted and raped at a protest in Tahrir Square.

This [Briefing Paper on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Egypt](#) is intended to assist States and other stakeholders to formulate questions and recommendations regarding the protection of human rights defenders during the UPR.

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