



Victory for Human and Women's Rights The Administrative Court accepted Samira Ibrahim's Lawsuit against the SCAF to stop the virginity tests

(Cairo, December 28, 2011) ECWR welcomes the ruling of the Administrative Court which accepted Samira Ibrahim's lawsuit of the 27th of December 2011.

The court orders that the execution of the procedure of virginity tests on girls inside military prisons be stopped, and accepted Ms. Ibrahim's appeal against the SCAF: she underwent the virginity tests after her rest in the clashes of March 9th sit in dispersion along with other 18 girls.

The verdict has been welcomed by human and women's rights activists and critics of the SCAF authorities.

ECWR says that women have the rights to express their opinion for the future of Egypt and they have also the right to participate in Peaceful demonstrations without being subjected to torture.

ECWR refuses any attempt to cancel or reduce women's participation at all levels including drag, beat, and virginity tests according to the citizenship principles which are issued by the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) in the constitutional declaration, Article No. 7 which states "*All citizens are equal in front of the law, equal in duties and rights regardless of gender, religion and race.*"

Also, any assault is considered as a violation of the right of freedom and the peaceful assembly according to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Article No. 21 "*The right of peaceful assembly shall be recognized. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right...*"