

Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat before Senate Human Rights Committee: Developing the National Council's Law is Essential to Enhance Independence, Standardize Governance, and Support Development

CAIRO/ June 9, 2026— Mr. Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat, Vice President of the National Council for Human Rights (NCHR), emphasized the critical importance of developing the legislative framework governing the Council's operations. He stated that such updates are vital to enhancing the Council's independence and effectiveness in fulfilling its national mandate: promoting, developing, and protecting human rights, consolidating their values, raising awareness, and ensuring their practice. El-Sadat stressed that a strong and independent national institution serves as a cornerstone for upholding the rule of law and establishing principles of good governance.

This came during his participation in a meeting with the Senate's Human Rights and Social Solidarity Committee, chaired by Dr. Abdel-Hady El-Qasabi, where he reviewed several issues concerning the Council's work, alongside current legislative and institutional challenges.

El-Sadat highlighted the necessity of strengthening cooperation between the NCHR and the Senate. He called for expanding participation in hearings related to human rights and legislative matters to enrich the legislative process, leveraging the diverse expertise within the Council across various fields.

➤ Advancing Legislative and Institutional Independence

El-Sadat explained that the NCHR has recently held several meetings with relevant parliamentary committees in the House of Representatives to discuss the Council's governing law, budget, and jurisdictions. He asserted that the current law requires a legislative review to bolster the Council's independence and enable it to execute its

duties efficiently and effectively, in alignment with international standards governing national human rights institutions.

Furthermore, El-Sadat noted that the Council is keen on expanding consultation and dialogue with civil society organizations and human rights defenders—both within Egypt and abroad—to listen to diverse perspectives and foster cooperation on human rights issues of mutual interest.

➤ **A Comprehensive Approach to Human Rights**

The Vice President stressed that the NCHR's mandate is not confined to civil and political rights, but extends comprehensively to economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as the right to development. He pointed out that the Council is currently preparing a series of specialized reports and studies on human rights conditions, alongside files on asylum, public freedoms, and other priority issues.

"Dealing seriously with human rights issues demands a high level of transparency, objectivity, and the ability to assess existing challenges, acknowledge shortcomings, and work to address them," El-Sadat stated. He added that this approach is essential to reinforcing trust in national institutions and improving overall performance.

El-Sadat concluded his remarks by reaffirming that promoting human rights, upholding the rule of law, and improving governance indicators are not only constitutional and human rights obligations but also foundational factors for supporting economic stability, attracting investment, and boosting international partners' confidence in the Egyptian economy.