

Freedom! Al-Jazeera TV journos pardoned

The world is rejoicing over the news that Egypt's Sisi pardoned 100 prisoners earlier today, including the al-Jazeera TV journalists Canadian Mohamed Fahmy, Egyptian Baher Mohamed and Australian Peter Greste...



A spokesperson for the Canadian government said that Canada was pleased with the pardon and it would help arrange Fahmy's departure from Egypt, [reports Reuters](#).

The three-year long journalist case drew worldwide attention to the Egyptian government's crackdown on dissent, [adds News24](#).

It's a welcome move as the three were sentenced just a few weeks ago, to which [SANEF expressed shock](#) and called for their release as "journalism is not a crime."

We only hope South African President Jacob Zuma heeds the world's positive reaction to this and doesn't follow through on his ominous call [pointed out](#) by Anton Harber for a new "patriotism" among journalists - sunshine journalism that hides the reality certainly isn't the answer...

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