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Subject: Announcement of Hunger Strike in Front of the Dutch Parliament – Urgent Appeal for Intervention

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An Egyptian human rights activist will publicly announce a hunger strike in The Hague on April 16 after nearly 30 months without a final asylum decision, despite a binding court ruling requiring timely action.

The applicant confirms his case has already been declared ready for decision, yet no outcome has been issued, leaving him in prolonged legal uncertainty. He reports significant professional harm, including lost opportunities in the hospitality sector, where he works as a French-cuisine chef.

He states he was imprisoned and tortured in Egypt due to political activity and sentenced by military courts to a cumulative 125 years, forcing him to flee. After years of displacement, including time in South Korea, where he alleges security-related pressures and lack of effective protection, he arrived in the Netherlands seeking safety and stability.

However, he describes his experience in the Dutch asylum system as deeply challenging. He has spent nearly 30 months in reception centers, which he says lack basic privacy and humane living conditions.

Despite actively attempting to integrate, he secured a job opportunity as a professional chef shortly after his initial waiting period. However, his work permit was delayed for three months due to what was described as a “system issue.”

He states that he has pursued all available legal avenues, including court procedures and formal complaints, yet no final decision has been issued.

On April 16, he will deliver a public statement in front of the Dutch parliament, where he will:

- Announce a full hunger strike
- Provide media statements regarding his case
- Speak about his experiences in South Korea
- Address living conditions in asylum reception centers
- Highlight the prolonged delay of his asylum procedure

He remains open to immediate resolution but states that further delay is no longer acceptable.

Media availability: The Hague – April 16

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