



**ADOPT A PRISONER PROFILE: AHMED ABDEL SATTAR PREPARED: JAN 2010**

AGE	59
NATIONALITY	Egyptian
COUNTRY HELD	United States
SENTENCE	28 years
PRISON	USP Florence ADMAX



**Personal Biography\***

Ahmed Abdel Sattar is a 59 year old man of Egyptian descent. He resided in Staten Island, NY. He is married with 4 children. As Ahmed studied the Qur'an and surveyed the Egyptian political scene, he became an opponent of the Hosni Mubarak regime in Egypt. It seemed to him that anyone who supported democracy and human rights should oppose such a regime.

**Brief Details about His Case**

The Zionists in New York wanted to 'get' Ahmed for his unwavering efforts to mobilize support to stop violation of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman's human rights. Initially they did not succeed, because U.S. law did not allow a person who stands up for the rights of a dissident to be labelled terrorist for his views. Ahmed had lived a clean life, giving the authorities no ammunition for their witch hunt against him.

Soon after 9-11, Ahmed's house was raided on the pretext that there might be weapons there. None were found. Then, in April 2002, he was arrested on charges which may only be described as absurd. The government had monitored his phone conversations with Egyptian dissidents, in which he'd urged opposition to Hosni Mubarak. Ahmed was kept in solitary confinement for a year and four months. When his case finally came up for review, the judge found there was no case of terrorism to be made against Ahmed.

Despite this, Ahmed continued to be held without bail. Because of his standing in the Egyptian community, upstanding members of the community offered their homes as collateral for bail. However, at the bail hearing, the judge accepted the prosecution notion that Ahmed was a "flight risk."

As he was led away following the hearing, he waved to Lisa and his children and said: **"Be not afraid. Allah is with us."** (Slight abbreviation of the Prophet's (peace be upon him) words to Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) given in Surat at-Tawbah).

From July 2003 onwards, the government held Ahmed without bail on frivolous charges of "soliciting violence" and "fraud."

On October 24, 2006, Ahmed was convicted and sentenced to 28 years in prison as punishment for his phone conversations with members of the Egyptian opposition. Sattar had been held in solitary confinement and on 24-hour lockdown for an extended period leading up to his conviction, and appeared pale at his sentencing. His co-defendants, Lynne Stewart and Mohammad Yousry were sentenced to 28 months and 20 months, respectively. In January 2007, Sattar was moved from New York to Colorado's infamous Supermax, far away from family and friends. He is expected to be released on 3/6/2023.

Left without head of household, Sattar's family was hounded and persecuted in New York. His sons were fired from their jobs by an employer who invoked 9-11 (as if these children had been personally involved in the event!). The bank accounts of Lisa Sattar, and the Sattar children were closed without explanation by Sovereign Bank, where they'd held accounts.

**Why Should I Adopt Ahmed?**

Ahmed is your Muslim brother who has been arrested for his beliefs. He did not commit any crime. He desperately needs letters from the Ummah to let him know that we are there supporting the brother in the difficulties he faces. He would really appreciate some mail reassuring him and the other brothers

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with him of this. He has been separated from his wife and children, who also bare the suffering of this injustice. Write to Ahmed and let him know we are praying for him and have not forgotten him.

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