

Country Report on Terrorism 2021 - Chapter 5 - Harakat Sawa'd Misr (HASM)

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Description: Designated as an FTO on January 14, 2021, Harakat Sawa'd Misr (HASM) was formed in Egypt in 2015. With the goal of overthrowing the Egyptian government, HASM attacks Egyptian security officials and other government-affiliated targets.

Activities:

In 2016, HASM claimed responsibility for an attack against police officers in Tameeya, Egypt, that killed two policemen and injured another. Later that year, HASM also claimed responsibility for the attempted assassination of Egypt's former Grand Mufti Ali Gomaa, as well as for an attack on a police checkpoint in Giza, killing six police personnel.

In 2017 the organization claimed responsibility for numerous attacks against Egyptian security forces, including the assassination of Egyptian National Security Agency officer Ibrahim Azzazy, as well as for an attack on Burma's embassy in Cairo.

In 2019, HASM claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack targeting security forces in Giza, killing or wounding 10 soldiers. Later that year, HASM was held responsible for a car bombing on a government health institute in Cairo, killing at least 20 people and injuring dozens. The Egyptian government blamed HASM, though the group denied responsibility. HASM did not claim responsibility for any terrorist attacks in 2021.

Strength: Precise numbers are unknown.

Location/Area of Operation: Egypt

Funding and External Aid: Sources of funding are unknown.