Inventory of the collection of
AHMED ABDALLA (1950-)
1978-1983 (-1990)

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INTRODUCTION

Biographical dates

Ahmed Abdalla was born in Cairo in 1950. He received a degree in political science from Cairo University in 1973 and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University in 1984. While studying in Egypt, he was president of the Higher National Committee of Cairo University Students, which led the student uprising of January 1972. He was a defendant in the trial of student activists in 1973.

Apart from contributing actively to the development of Egyptian history as an activist and a publicist, Ahmed Abdalla has been able to contribute to Egyptian history as an important collector of historical documents. His own interest in history in combination with his numerous contacts with different political movements led him to collect extensively valuable documents on current events. The present collection consists of documents he collected during his stay in Great Britain during the early 1980s.

Collection

The collection has been given to the IISH by Ahmed Abdalla in 1997. The collection contains documents of the Federation of Egyptian Students in Great Britain (FESGB), the Friends of the Tagammu Party in Great Britain, as well as documents concerning his own involvement in these organizations. This part of the collection also contains clippings of articles written by Ahmed Abdalla for the Arab newspaper published in Great Britain, al-'Arab.

The other part of the collection consists of published documents, pamphlets and periodicals of the Communist Party of Egypt, other communist organizations, the Tagammu Party and the student movement. Included are, finally, documents of the opposition against president Sadat in the period 1979-1982, as well as clippings of the English and Arab press concerning the death of Sadat on 6 October 1981 and publications issued by European organizations supporting the Egyptian opposition. The collection of the Arab progressive monthly, al-Yassar al-Arabi/La Gauche Arabe, has been transferred to the library. The size of the collection is 0.5 m.

Consultation

Access is free.
**INVENTORY**

**ACTIVITIES**

**Political Activities**

**Federation of Egyptian Students in Great Britain (FESGB)**

1-4. Documents concerning the Federation of Egyptian Students in Great Britain, partly relating to Abdalla’s own involvement. 1980-1983. 4 covers.

**Friends of the Tagammu^c^ Party in Great Britain**

5-10. Documents concerning the Friends of the Tagammu^c^ Party in Great Britain, partly relating to Abdalla’s own involvement. 1980-1982 and n.d. 5 covers and 1 folder.
   5. Internal correspondence between the Central Committee of the Friends of the Tagammu^c^ Party and its members, including other documents. 1980-1981.
   8. List of members of the Friends of the Tagammu^c^ Party. N.d.

**Journalistic publications**

DOCUMENTATION

Egyptian Communist Party (ECP)


Other communist organizations


Hizb al-Tagammu‘ al-Watani al-taqaddumi al-Wahdawi (Tagammu‘ Party)


27. Statements and official analyses concerning internal Egyptian affairs. 1980-1981. 1 cover.


30. Pamphlets and statements against arrests of members of the opposition and the confiscation of *al-Ahali*. 1981. 1 cover.


The Nationalist Coalition for Egypt


Other documents concerning the opposition against Sadat


37. Announcement of the Wafd party of the commemoration of the death of its two leaders, Mustafa al-Nahhas and Sa’d Zaghlul: *Dhikri al-za’imayn Sa’d wa-l-Nahhas*. N.d. 1 cover.
Foreign support of the opposition in Egypt


ANNEX

List of copies of *al-Yassar al-Arabi, La Gauche Arabe*, a monthly left-wing magazine published in Paris, which have been transferred to the library of the IISH.

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