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AMAL CLOONEY THE RENOWNED LAWYER ATTENDED VERDICT OF HER CLIENT MOHAMED FAHMY

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USPA NEWS - Amal Clooney is a renowned lawyer who has already had customer Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, the former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, and advised the former Secretary General Kofi Annan. For several months, she defends the Canadian Mohamed Fahmy, in the "case Al Jazeera",

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The sentence fell. On Saturday, a court in Cairo sentenced him to three years imprisonment of three journalists from the Qatar-based Al Jazeera, despite calls from the international community to close the case. Peter Greste Australian, Canadian and Egyptian Mohamed Fahmy Mohamed Baher were convicted of "disseminating false information" and to have worked in Cairo without the necessary permits. Judge Hassan Farid even said that they were "not journalists," as they were not registered as such with the competent authorities. The reporters were accused of having supported in their coverage the Muslim Brotherhood, the Brotherhood of Islamist President Mohamed Morsi former deposed by the army in 2013.

MM. Fahmy and Mohamed were present in court while Mr Greste was tried in absentia after being deported to Australia in February under a presidential decree. "The only fair outcome of the trial, was acquitted," said Amal Clooney, counsel for Mr. Fahmy, after the verdict, noting the "lack of evidence". Before the hearing, Mrs Clooney warned that it would meet with government officials to ask - if convicted - a presidential pardon or expulsion. "I am shocked, terribly shocked," said the brother of Mr. Fahmy, Adel, after the verdict. "We were expecting an acquittal and we find ourselves blocked again in this case. This is illogical." "A political trial"

Unfortunately, Amal Clooney's fame did not help to save her client. The three journalists were sentenced to three years in prison. All who have studied the file from the beginning "concluded that there was no evidence to support the charges," responded Amal Clooney at the end of the trial, assailed by journalists. She warned, it is a "dangerous message," that "journalists in Egypt can be imprisoned simply because they did their job and telling the truth," according to the BBC. Amaluddin also said "the justice is not independent to date in the country, since it is under "political pressure."

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