HIV-Positive Man First Egyptian to Disclose Publicly

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A 31-year-old HIV-positive man recently became the first Egyptian to disclose publicly, Al Jazeera English reports. To begin the process of reducing stigma, Magid (who declined to give his last name) disclosed his HIV status at a press conference in Egypt on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of AIDS. Earlier this year, Magid addressed a session of the U.N. General Assembly and became the first Arab to disclose publicly. About 11,000 people in Egypt are living with HIV/AIDS, but only about 400 are receiving treatment. According to UNAIDS, the Middle East and North Africa region has one of the fastest-growing AIDS epidemics in the world.

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