

## Egypt MTC workers finish 12-day sit-in

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Egypt's Manpower Minister Aisha Abdel Hadi

Egypt's Maasara Telephone Company (MTC) workers on the outskirts of Cairo wrapped up a 12-day sit-in during which they held company board and syndicate members captive for ten hours.

Egypt's Security Forces, which had quickly surrounded the area, failed to convince the company's roughly 1200 employees to release the captives.

Frustrated workers only agreed to free the men after prominent MP Mustafa Bakri assured them they would receive unpaid salaries and bonuses by 18 October.

Over the course of the negotiations, Bakri made a telephone call to the Egyptian Manpower Minister Aisha Abdel Hadi, putting the conversation on speakerphone for workers to hear.

Abdel Hadi assured them over the phone that they would continue to receive their salaries for the next three months.