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Dear David,

Re: British Nationals Detained in Egypt

In a letter of 10 December 2008, Foreign Office Minister Bill Rammell MP set out that the Foreign Office had "*no records of any British Nationals being detained in Egypt on suspicion of terrorist offences*" since 2000. He qualified this with the caveat that "*it is not possible to provide a definitive figure in answer to your question*".

The Guardian has since reported that a British National, Azhar Khan, was detained in Egypt in July 2008, and alleges that he was questioned about terror plots relating to the Ministry of Sound nightclub and the Bluewater shopping centre in Kent. I would be grateful if you could explain why this arrest was not included in response to my Parliamentary Question [224458], answered on 12 November 2008.

I am placing this letter in the public domain.

*Yours,
Andrew*

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