

Dear Paul,

This is totally untrue. The only sites that are filtered are the porno sites. Everything else, including opposition groups in Egypt can be accessed from the library public computers in the reading room and other public spaces, and naturally from all the computers of the staff -- some 1100 computers in all.

Needless to say, I consider the sites of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch as reference material to be available to all at all times. A retraction of the original accusation has been advanced and corrections have appeared in several media in addition to Al Masry Al Yom.

Let me know if you need more information.

All the best,

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