

Egypt arrests nuclear worker for spying

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CAIRO - Egyptian prosecutors in Cairo announced Tuesday they had arrested one of the country's nuclear engineers on charges he was spying for Israel.

Egyptian Chief Prosecutor Hisham Badawi told a news conference Mohammed Sayed Sabar Ali, 35, had been paid \$17,000 for information obtained from computer systems on Egypt's newly restarted nuclear energy program, Arutz Sheva said in a broadcast report.

Prosecutors allege Ali passed the information on to two men working for Israel, one of whom is Irish and the other Japanese. They have been charged in absentia, Badawi said.

The prosecutor said it wasn't immediately clear how sensitive or how much data was turned over.

Badawi said Ali was arrested on Feb. 18, but it was not made public to allow the investigation to continue.

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