

Egyptian Coptic Church Accused of Stockpiling Weapons

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A new wave of defamation by Islamists against Coptic Pope Shenouda III and the Coptic Church is seen by many observers as a serious provocation to sectarian violence against the Copts, and the possibility of Egypt being dragged into civil war.

On September 15, Qatar-owned Al-Jezirah TV broadcast a program called Without Limits, presented by moderator Ahmad Mansour, who hosted the Islamist Dr. Selim el-Awah, former Secretary-General of the World Council of Muslim Scholars, which has stunned and enraged Copts inside and outside of Egypt. «El-Awah is simply threatening Copts that the forthcoming chaos after Mubarak dies will see mass violence against the Copts,» says Magdy Khalil, Coptic activist and head of Middle East Freedom Forum.

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