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Egypt jails famous belly dancer for immorality   –   30th June, 2020

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A belly dancer is in prison in Egypt. Police arrested Sama el-Masry and a court gave her three years. She posted belly dancing videos on the website TikTok. Police called the videos "immoral". They said Sama was damaging Egypt's morals. This is because the videos were "sexy".

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is also an actress. She starred in a movie about the bad treatment of female workers. Many people talked about women in the workplace. A lawyer in Egypt said it was difficult for the country to keep society safe. She said changes in technology brought many problems.

Level 1

A belly dancer has been put in prison. A court in Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry to three years, and fined her $18,500. The police arrested her and charged her with "immorality". She posted videos on the website TikTok doing different belly dances. Egypt is cracking down on social media posts. Police said Ms El-Masry put "immoral" videos on social media. They said she was guilty of damaging Egypt's morals because the videos were of a sexual nature.

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is a belly dancer and actress. She starred in a movie about the unfair treatment of female workers. It got lots of people talking about women in the workplace. She also got attacked in the past for posting videos about her political views. A lawyer defending Ms El-Masry said: "Our conservative society is struggling with technological changes which have created a completely different environment."

Level 2

A famous belly dancer has been put in prison. A court in Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry to three years behind bars. It also fined her about $18,500. The police arrested her in April. They charged her with immorality after she posted videos on the website TikTok. The videos showed her doing various belly dances. Egypt is cracking down on social media posts. Officials accused Ms El-Masry of posting "immoral" pictures and videos on her social media accounts. They said she was guilty of breaking Egypt's morals because the videos were "sexually suggestive".

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. She is a belly dancer and an actress. She starred in three big movies. One of them was about the unfair treatment of female workers. It created a lot of debate in Egypt about the rights of women in the workplace. She also got a lot of criticism in the past for posting videos about her political views. One of the videos mocked former US President Barack Obama. A women's rights lawyer who defended Ms El-Masry said: "Our conservative society is struggling with technological changes which have created a completely different environment."

Level 3

A famous Egyptian belly dancer has been put in prison. A court in Cairo, Egypt sentenced Sama el-Masry to three years behind bars. It also fined her 300,000 Egyptian pounds, which is about $18,500. Ms El-Masry was arrested by the police in Egypt in April. Police charged her with immorality after she posted videos on the video-sharing platform TikTok. The videos showed her performing various belly dances. Egypt has recently decided to crack down on social media posts. Egypt's Public Prosecution office accused Ms El-Masry of posting immoral pictures and videos on her social media accounts. It said she was guilty of breaking Egypt's morals because the videos were "sexually suggestive".

Sama el-Masry is 42 years old. As well as being a belly dancer, she is also an actress and starred in three successful movies. One of the movies was about the unfair treatment of female media workers. It created a lot of debate in Egypt about the rights of women in the workplace. She also got a lot of criticism in the past for posting videos on YouTube about her political views. One of the videos mocked former US President Barack Obama for his policy towards Egypt. A women's rights lawyer in Egypt defended Ms El-Masry. She said: "Our conservative society is struggling with technological changes which have created a completely different environment and mindsets."