



Clarification Press Statement

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CAPMAS has confirmed that, what media has reported "yesterday and today" about president of CAPMAS on "Number of Coptic in Egypt" did not imply the actual meaning of his reply on the question (and not a declaration) in one of media means about the number of Coptic in Egypt. Where he declared his answer that the last statement monitored on Number of Coptic & Muslims was in 1986 Census, and Coptic percentage of population was 5.7% at that time.

As well as, CAPMAS did not monitor this statement ever since the UN Statistical Commission recommendations about the question of religion in census to be optional for all the statistical agencies all over the world. Accordingly, to that it did not monitor this statement in 1996 & 2006 census, as a result, to the practice of various citizens to their rights in rejecting to answer that question.

Number of Coptic that "was stated as spoken" by president of CAPMAS was a conclusion of previous census data results.

In addition, president of CAPMAS assured that he is ready to monitor & count the Egyptian religion in the forthcoming census in 2016, and to consider the religion as obligatory question and have be answered, if the Egyptian agreed.

He also stated, that all Egyptians are equaled whether Copts or Muslims, and that the number of our Copts brothers & sisters will not affect their rights and will not add any duties not obliged on other Egyptians.

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