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EGYPT'S PUBLIC PROSECUTOR PROVIDES DETAILED EXPLANATION IN ENGLISH TO THE CAUSES OF DEATH OF JOHN AND SUSAN COOPER

The Public Prosecutor's office in Egypt has today – Wednesday 19 September – issued a report in English, which is available on-line at <http://ppo.gov.eg>, to explain the actions undertaken by the Public Prosecutor's office and details of the autopsies carried out on the bodies of Mr and Mrs Cooper.

The conclusions of the post-mortem reports are as follows.

John Cooper

An examination of the body of Mr Cooper revealed that he had been suffering from an enlarged heart (Cardiomegaly). His anterior descending artery had 80% blockage, the right coronary artery had 70% blockage and the middle coronary artery had a medium-sized blockage of 50%.

The analysis of Mr Cooper's blood showed the presence of ethylene alcohol at a level of 0.4/1000, as well as traces of cannabis.

The cause of death was the result of cardiac arrest and respiratory failure.

The laboratory analysis of the samples taken from the body of the deceased showed the presence of the e-coli bacteria which causes severe diarrhoea and vomiting. Mr Cooper had earlier suffered from both symptoms.

E-Coli bacteria is considered a risk factor due to the age of the deceased and his medical condition explained previously.

The forensic report concluded that the death was caused by acute intestinal dysentery as a result of the E-Coli bacteria which caused diarrhoea, vomiting (from 2:00 am to 11:30 am on August 21) and an imbalanced level of blood

sodium. The symptoms intensified the acuteness of the intestinal dysentery and its effect on the extreme illness conditions, the severe veins blockage in all three coronary arteries, which resulted in the shortage of blood circulation accompanied by the effect of the infectious bacteria that ultimately led to death.

Susan Cooper

The forensic report concluded that Mrs Cooper's death was caused by an infection of Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) that was likely caused by infection with the e-coli bacteria due to staying in the same room with her deceased husband, being close to him during all outings and sharing the same food together.

The Public Prosecutor's Office will continue with its investigation until it is completed.