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American Kuwaiti Journalist Ahmed Shihab-Eldin Acquitted of All Charges

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Today, Thursday 23 April 2026, a verdict was handed down in the case of journalist Ahmed Shihab-Eldin. Full details are still being ascertained but his international legal team confirms that he has been found innocent of the charges and he is expected to be released imminently. A further statement will be issued when more details are known.

Ahmed Shihab-Eldin is a dual U.S. and Kuwaiti citizen. He is an award-winning journalist who has previously contributed to The New York Times, PBS, Al Jazeera English and the BBC. Mr. Shihab-Eldin has not posted online or been seen in public for since 2nd March 2026 in Kuwait, where he was visiting family. He was arrested on 3rd March 2026 and has been detained since.

Speaking today, **Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC**, international counsel to Ahmed's sisters, Lara and Luma Eldin, said:

"We are relieved that, after 52 days in detention, Ahmed has been found innocent on all charges. Our focus now is upon ensuring the liberty and safety of our client, and we will provide more details once they can be confirmed."

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Notes to Editors:

- **Press queries should be directed to April Ponnuru, Ridgely Walsh - april@ridgelywalsh.com / +1-202-731-1074.**
- The international legal team is instructed by Mr. Shihab-Eldin's two sisters, both of whom are based outside Kuwait. The international legal team is entirely separate to Mr. Shihab-Eldin's domestic lawyers in Kuwait.