

2 Americans held amid Syrian unrest

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CAIRO, Egypt - Syrian authorities have detained two Americans amid an unprecedented wave of protests in the repressive Middle East nation, relatives and state media said Saturday.

Syria's state news agency Sana alleged that a man with dual U.S.-Egyptian citizenship had "confessed" to selling photos and videos of demonstrations to a Colombian woman. He was later identified as Mohammed Radwan, 32, of Austin.

Radwan's cousin, Nora Shalaby, said that she last heard from him on Friday when he tweeted that he was at a mosque in Damascus where security forces were clashing with anti-government protesters.

Meanwhile, a Vermont man said his son, Pathik "Tik" Root, 21 - who had been missing since March 18 - has been found to be safe in Syrian custody.

Tom Root said his son, a Middlebury College student who had been studying Arabic in Damascus as part of a program through Damascus University - was detained during a demonstration in the capital.

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