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Dubai's state-run real estate bodyddl has reported a 38.5% increase in property transactions worth AED 48 billion during the first quarter of 2019. The report, which covers the period from January 1 to March 31, shows that the number of transactions reached 27,258, compared to 20,142 in the same period last year.

One of the key factors contributing to the growth in property transactions was the increase in the number of sales, which rose by 40.9% to 18,474 compared to 13,120 in the first quarter of 2018. The report also noted that the number of purchases increased by 21.1% to 8,784 from 7,022 in the previous quarter.

Similarly, the average price of properties sold during the quarter amounted to AED 1.01 million, marking a 27.1% increase from AED 0.79 million in the same period last year. The average price per square foot also increased by 14.7% to AED 199 from AED 173.

The report further highlighted that the number of rentals decreased by 2.7% to 10,076 from 10,359 in the first quarter of 2018. The average price of rents fell by 17.1% to AED 59,000 from AED 71,000 in the previous quarter. The report noted that the decrease in rental transactions was attributed to the implementation of the Real Estate Regulatory and Development Authority's (RERA) regulatory framework.

MARRAKESH, Morocco — Beleaguered former Egypt’s Interior Minister Mohsen Wabasli has been freed from prison after being pardoned by Egypt’s president.

The pardon, announced on a government newspaper, was a surprise to many, given Wabasli’s controversial tenure in a post that has been marked by human rights violations and political repression.

Wabasli was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 2018 on charges of corruption. He was initially detained in 2017 following a military coup that toppled President Mohamed Morsi, who was elected in 2012.

After his release, Wabasli wrote to the Egyptian Journalists Syndicate, in which he said he was “thankful to God” for the pardon and that he would pursue legal action against those who had arrested him.

He also thanked his supporters and those who had defended him.

The pardon comes as Egypt’s ruling military council presides over a period of political tension, with protests calling for the lifting of restrictions on political activities.

In recent weeks, thousands of protesters have taken to the streets to demand the release of political prisoners and an end to censorship.

The pardon is seen as a step towards easing tensions between the military and protesters, who have been calling for a return to civilian rule after four years of military rule.

Egypt’s human rights record has come under intense scrutiny in recent months, with international organizations calling for an end to the use of violence against protesters and the release of political prisoners.

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