

King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques
Office of His Majesty the King
Royal Court, Riyadh
SAUDI-ARABIEN

Your Majesty,

Amnesty International the impartial and highly respected organization for the protection of human rights has informed me of the situation of human rights defenders **Loujain al-Hathloul, Iman al-Nafjan, Aziza al-Yousef, Samar Badawi** and **Nassima al-Sada** who are being detained for more than six months without proper legal proceedings and without official charges in court.

I strongly demand from you, Your Majesty, to release the five women immediately and unconditionally, and to end any pending file of prosecution against them.

According to reports they were maltreated sexually and tortured in detention and left without contact to their families, and therefore particularly vulnerable to all kinds of physical and psychic maltreatment.

I urge the authorities to order an independent and impartial investigation into these allegations and to bring any perpetrator to justice in fair proceedings according to international standards.

In case their detention should be continued, I call on you to ensure them regular access to their families and the lawyers of their choice as well as effective protection from torture or other ill-treatment.

Thank you for respecting the Human Rights of every citizen of the Kingdom of Saudi-Arabia.

Yours sincerely,

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