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Your Royal Highness,

On 6 July 2014, lawyer and human rights defender **Waleed Abu al-Khair** was sentenced by the Specialized Criminal Court (SCC) to fifteen years in prison, a fifteen-year travel ban and a fine for terrorism-related 'crimes'. On 12 January 2015, his sentence was upheld by the SCC on appeal. On 9 January 2020, Waleed Abu al-Khair was hospitalized after his health deteriorated due to his hunger strike. On 6 February 2020, Waleed ended his hunger strike after approximately two months.

I therefore urge you to release Waleed Abu al-Khair immediately and unconditionally and ensure that his conviction and sentence are quashed.

Pending his release, please ensure that Waleed Abu al-Khair is protected from torture and other ill-treatment and allowed regular access to his family, and that he is provided with any medical attention he may require.

Yours sincerely,