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HARASSED AND JAILED FOR LONG-TERM ACTIVISM

**MOHAMMED AL-ROKEN
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

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Lawyer and professor Dr Mohammed al-Roken was jailed for 10 years in July 2013, following a huge crackdown on political and human rights activists in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). He was one of 69 people convicted of forming a secret organization aimed at overthrowing the government, following a blatantly unfair mass trial of 94 activists.

In the run-up to the trial, Mohammed and his co-defendants – known as the 'UAE 94' – were denied access to a lawyer and kept in solitary confinement. Some told the judge they had been tortured, and confessions obtained through torture were used as evidence in court. They were all denied the right to appeal, which contravenes international law.

His conviction followed years of harassment and intimidation from the authorities. Then, in March 2011, he and 132 others – including academics, judges and students – signed a petition calling for democratic reform in the UAE. The government responded with a fierce attack on activists, including waves of arrests.

As a lawyer, Mohammed took on human rights cases nobody else would touch. He has long been a supporter of Amnesty but now faces prison for working tirelessly to defend people's human rights.

Together we can get justice for Dr Mohammed al-Roken – please write to the UAE authorities and tell them to release him immediately.



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Write to the President of the UAE

Urge him to release Dr Mohammed al-Roken immediately and unconditionally.

Write to: His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Presidential Affairs, Corniche Road, Abu Dhabi PO Box 280, United Arab Emirates

Fax: +971 2 622 2228

Email: ihitimam@mopa.ae

Salutation: 'Your Highness'

Write a letter of support to Mohammed

Please send letters and cards to Dr Mohammed al-Roken's family for them to share with him. Mohammed loves travelling, so you could take a photo of yourself at a landmark in your country, holding a message for him.

Send it to: Amnesty International, International Secretariat, United Arab Emirates Team, 1 Easton Street, London, WC1X 0DW, UK

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