

## WALEED ABU AL-KHAIR SAUDI ARABIA



In July 2014, lawyer Waleed Abu al-Khair was sentenced to 15 years in jail after years of harassment, arrests, threats and court cases. Through his work, he had challenged the widespread attack on human rights in Saudi Arabia.

Since 2012, the authorities have led a ruthless crackdown on their critics, and have handed out long prison sentences to people who have dared to call for greater freedoms. Waleed has represented many peaceful activists, including his brother-in-law Raif Badawi, the blogger jailed and sentenced to 1,000 lashes.

Waleed was found guilty by a special counterterrorism court of, among other farcical charges, insulting the judiciary, disobeying the ruler, and harming the reputation of the Kingdom. He was offered a reduced sentence of 10 years if he apologized for his "offences", but when he refused an appeal judge ordered him to serve the full term.

Waleed suffers from diabetes, and while in prison he has been beaten, deprived of sleep and kept in solitary confinement. He has been regularly moved from one jail to another, and as a result his wife and child have found it difficult to visit him.

Waleed is a prisoner of conscience, not a terrorist. Join the call for his immediate release and to drop all charges so he can be reunited with his family.





Make sure Waleed's plight does not go ignored. Write to the King of Saudi Arabia to reverse this miscarriage of justice and call for his immediate, unconditional release as a prisoner of conscience.

King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Office of His Majesty the King, Royal Court, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Fax: (via Ministry of the Interior) +966 11 403 3125 (please keep trying).

Salutation: Your Majesty



Remind Waleed he is not forgotten, and show the authorities that he has support around the world.

Write to him in prison, and then please take a picture of your letter and email his wife Samar Badawi at freewaleed57@gmail.com

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