

URGENT ACTION

QATARI NATIONAL ARBITRARILY HELD INCOMMUNICADO

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Nawaf al-Rasheed, a Qatari national, was arbitrarily arrested in Kuwait on 12 May and has been detained incommunicado in Saudi Arabia since then. Nawaf al-Rasheed travelled to Kuwait from Qatar on 9 May to attend a social gathering that was held in his honour. Following his three-day trip, according to two friends who travelled with him, Kuwaiti authorities detained him at the Kuwait International Airport passport control and sent him to Saudi Arabia. The Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior confirmed this in a statement dated 15 May. His whereabouts remain unknown; his family informed Amnesty International that he been denied access to a lawyer of his choosing, as well as communication with his family in Doha, and access to Qatari consular services. The reasons of his arrest remain unknown and no clear legal charges have been presented.

Nawaf al-Rasheed is a 28-year-old university student, and the son of the late Saudi Arabian poet Talal al-Rasheed. Amnesty International can confirm that he and two friends travelled to Kuwait to attend a social gathering organized by a prominent Kuwaiti poet. While Nawaf al-Rasheed previously held Saudi Arabian nationality, he currently only holds a Qatari passport.

The Saudi Arabian government has not made any public remarks on the matter; the Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior confirmed the removal in an online statement, citing bilateral security agreements between the two countries. In their statement, the Kuwaiti authorities identified Nawaf al-Rasheed as a Saudi Arabian national and to date, have not given a reason for the detention.

1) TAKE ACTION

Write a letter, send an email, call, fax or tweet:

- To release Nawaf al-Rasheed and allow him to return to his place of residency in Doha, Qatar, unless he is promptly charged with an internationally recognizable criminal offence and tried in proceedings that conform fully to international fair trial standards.
- To reveal Nawaf al-Rasheed's whereabouts, ensure he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and to allow him access to a lawyer of his choice, contact with his family, and access to Qatari consular services.

Contact these two officials by 30 July, 2018:

King and Prime Minister
His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
 The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques
 Office of His Majesty the King
 Royal Court, Riyadh
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Salutation: Your Majesty

Ambassador Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz
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 Contact Form: <https://www.saudiembassy.net/contact>
 Twitter: [@SaudiEmbassyUSA](https://twitter.com/SaudiEmbassyUSA)
Salutation: Your Royal Highness

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