

URGENT ACTION

DISAPPEARED QATARI FATHER AND SON RELEASED

On 1 November 2019, the Saudi authorities released two Qatari citizens, Ali Nasser Ali Jarallah (70) and his son Abdulhadi Ali Nasser Ali Jarallah (17), who then returned home to Doha. On 18 August 2019, their family lost all contact with them while they were travelling through Saudi Arabia to visit relatives. Amnesty International was concerned that they may have been forcibly disappeared and urged King Salman to reveal the whereabouts of the father and his son, and immediately release them unless they were promptly charged with a recognisable criminal offence.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

On 1 November 2019, the Saudi authorities released two Qatari citizens, **Ali Nasser Ali Jarallah** (70) and his son **Abdulhadi Ali Nasser Ali Jarallah** (17) after arbitrarily detaining them. They both returned safe and sound to their family house in Doha, the capital of Qatar, and are both in good health. A relative told Amnesty International that they had been “detained without charge, but due to public pressure, they were released”. Amnesty International had good reason to believe that the two Qatari citizens were detained by the Presidency of State Security.

Ali Jarallah and Abdulhadi Jarallah had disappeared for more than two months and were unable to contact their family. They entered Saudi Arabia on 15 August 2019, on valid family visas, on their way to visit Ali Jarallah’s brother in Dammam, in the Eastern Province. They were in contact with their family in Qatar until 18 August, when they were nearing the city of al-Hofuf, in the Eastern Province.

Ali Jarallah is diabetic and suffers from heart and kidney problems, as well as high blood pressure. He is on regular medication and must attend his regular doctor’s appointments in Doha.

Amnesty International called on King Salman to immediately reveal the whereabouts of Ali Jarallah and his son Abdulhadi Jarallah; to disclose the reason for their detention and release them unless they were promptly charged with a recognisable criminal offence, in accordance with the principles of due process recognised by international law.

NAME AND PREFERRED PRONOUN: Ali Nasser Ali Jarallah (he/him) and Abdulhadi Ali Nasser Ali Jarallah (he/him)

THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 114/19

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