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SAUDI ARABIA Raif Badawi



BLOGGER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS AND 1,000 LASHES

On 7 May 2014 Raif Badawi was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes for 'insulting Islam' and setting up a liberal web forum.

Raif Badawi, the co-founder of Saudi Arabian Liberals, an online forum for political and social debate, was arrested in June 2012 and detained in Briman prison, Jeddah.

He was charged with violating the country's information technology law and insulting Islamic religious figures through his online writing and hosting writing by others on his website.

Amnesty International considers Raif Badawi to be a prisoner of conscience held solely for peacefully exercising his right to freedom of expression.

■ www.amnesty.org.uk/raif



SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Ensaf Haidar (Raif Badawi's wife)
c/o Amnistie Internationale Canada Francophone
50 Rue Ste-Catherine Ouest
Bureau 500
Montréal
Québec
Canada H2X 3V4

You can also send a solidarity tweet to

@raif_badawi

Hashtags # Raif_Badawi #FreeRaif #Saudi

This Twitter account has been managed by his wife since his arrest.

- **Preferred language** Arabic or English
- **Salutation** Dear Raif
- **Suggested message** Our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. We admire your courage and hope you will be released soon.
- **Additional information** 13 January is Raif Badawi's birthday. Ensaf Haidar is Raif Badawi's wife.

CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?**
Islamic cards only – no pictures of people or animals
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?**
- Include my name and address?**
- Download the message in another language?**

SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:

Urge the King of Saudi Arabia to release Raif Badawi immediately and unconditionally.

Write to: King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
Office of His Majesty the King
Royal Court
Riyadh
Saudi Arabia

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

Salutation: Your Majesty

In your letter:

- State that Raif Badawi is a prisoner of conscience and should be immediately and unconditionally released.
- Call on the authorities not to carry out any punishment of flogging, which would violate the prohibition on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in international law.