

## SAUDI ARABIA

### Waleed Abu al-Khair



#### JAILED FOR 'INSULTING THE JUDICIARY'

Waleed Abu al-Khair is a prominent human rights lawyer who has represented many victims of human rights violations, including his brother-in-law Raif Badawi, who was sentenced to 1,000 lashes for blogging about free speech. After being harassed and interrogated on numerous occasions by the authorities, Waleed was sentenced on 6 July 2014 to 15 years in prison, plus a 15-year travel ban. He was found guilty of 'insulting the judiciary', 'disobeying the ruler' and 'harming the reputation of the Kingdom'. Waleed suffers from diabetes, and says he has been tortured. He has been regularly moved between prisons, making it difficult for his wife and child to visit him.

+ [www.amnesty.org.uk/waleed](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/waleed)



'Pity a nation whose resources are spent on repression and corruption'  
**Waleed**

+ Special Action Cards are available for Waleed's case [amnesty.org.uk/write](http://amnesty.org.uk/write)

#### SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Waleed Abu al-Khair  
Al-Ha'ir prison  
Al-Ha'ir  
Riyadh 14765  
Saudi Arabia

- + **Language:** Arabic or English
- + **Salutation:** Dear Waleed
- + **Suggested message:** 'Our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. We admire your courage and hope that you will be released soon.'
- + You can also email his wife Samar Badawi (Raif Badawi's sister and women's rights activist) at [freewaleed57@gmail.com](mailto:freewaleed57@gmail.com) or send her letters of support at:  
Samar Mohammad Badawi  
Al-Nahda street, King Abdulaziz Road  
Po Box: 117377  
Postal Code: 21391  
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

#### CAN I

- ☑ Send a religious card or message? (Islamic religious cards only, not containing images of people or animals.)
- ☒ Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? (Amnesty is illegal in Saudi Arabia and mentioning it could put Waleed at risk. Do not send Amnesty-branded Christmas cards.)
- ☑ Include my name and address?

#### SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Call on the King of Saudi Arabia to free Waleed Abu al-Khair.

**Write to:** His Majesty King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud  
c/o Individuals at Risk  
Amnesty International UK  
Human Rights Action Centre  
17-25 New Inn Yard  
London EC2A 3EA

**Fax:** (via Ministry of the Interior) 00966 11 403 3125  
(please keep trying)

**Twitter:** @KingSalman

**Salutation:** Your Majesty

**In your letter:** Call on His Majesty to release Waleed Abu al-Khair immediately and unconditionally and quash his conviction and sentence. Urge the authorities to ensure Waleed is protected from torture and other ill-treatment and is given any medical attention he requires; call on them to stop the crackdown on activists and their use of social media. (*Appeals that reach us in time will be handed in to the Saudi Arabian Embassy on 10 December. Letters arriving later will be forwarded.*)

**Suggested tweet:** .@KingSalman  
.@WaleedAbulkhair must be released. He is a prisoner of conscience! #W4R