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# UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) Dr Mohammed al-Roken



#### **HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER JAILED FOR 10 YEARS**

Mohammed al-Roken, a human rights lawyer and long-time Amnesty member, is serving a 10-year prison sentence in the UAE, following his conviction on 2 July 2013 in a mass trial of government critics and reform activists. He had previously been harassed for a number of years because of his human rights work.

In a crackdown on human rights defenders, this trial – known as 'UAE 94' – was an attempt to silence calls for reforms. He was among 69 out of 94 defendants convicted of attempting to overthrow the government.

The trial was politically motivated and grossly unfair, and the defendants were denied the right to appeal the court's verdict. Mohammed al-Roken is a prisoner of conscience.

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## SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Muna Mohammed Yousif AlRaees PO Box 60438 Dubai United Arab Emirates

- Preferred language English or Arabic
- Salutation Dear Dr al-Roken and family
- 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.
- Additional information Dr al-Roken likes travel and poetry. He studied at Warwick University.

#### **CAN I**

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?
- Download the message in another language?

# **SEND AN APPEAL LETTER TO:**

Urge President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan to immediately and unconditionally release Dr Mohammed al-Roken.

Write to: President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Ministry of Presidential Affairs

Corniche Road Abu Dhabi POB 280 Abu Dhabi

United Arab Emirates

**Fax:** +971 2 622 2228 **Email:** ihtimam@mopa.ae

Salutation: Your Highness

### In your letter:

- Call on the authorities to immediately and unconditionally release Dr Mohammed Al-Roken.
- Urge them to ensure he has immediate and regular access to his family, lawyers and medical assistance, and protection from torture and other ill treatment.

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