

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
SAUDI-ARABIE

Noordwijk, the Netherlands, January 2016

Your Majesty,

Please allow me to draw your attention to the case of Mikhlif bin Daham al-Shammari. His sentence of two years in prison and 200 lashes was upheld by a court of appeal on 2 November 2015.

I call on the Saudi Arabian authorities to ensure that all the convictions and sentences imposed on Mikhlif bin Daham al-Shammari are quashed, as they are based solely on his peaceful exercise of his rights to freedom of expression and association.

I also urge you to conduct an investigation into his allegations that he was subjected to torture and other ill-treatment in custody.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

I am kindly awaiting your reply.

Yours sincerely,