



King and Prime Minister
King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques
Office of His Majesty the King
Royal court, Riyadh
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Majesty,

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the case of Raif Badawi. In May 2014 he was jailed and charged for creating the 'Saudi Arabian Liberals' website and insulting Islam. For this he was sentenced to 10 years in prison, 1,000 lashes, a hefty fine, a 10-year travel ban, and a ban on expressing his opinion publicly through media/social media tools.

I hereby strongly urge the King of Saudi Arabia to immediately and unconditionally release Raif Badawi. He is a prisoner of conscience detained solely for the peaceful exercise of his freedom of expression.

I further urge the King of Saudi Arabia to ensure that Raif Badawi is given immediate and regular access to his family and a lawyer of his choice, as well as receiving any medical attention he may require, and that he is protected from future torture or other ill-treatment.

Finally, I urge the King of Saudi Arabia to ensure that authorities do not carry out any punishment of flogging, which would violate the prohibition against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment in international law.

Yours sincerely,