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PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE NEEDS MEDICAL HELP

Your Majesty

Issa al-Nukheifi, a human rights activist and member of the independent Saudi Civil and Political Rights Association (ACPRA), is held at the Mecca General Prison. He is suffering from a medical condition that affects his blood circulation, believed to have been caused by torture and other ill-treatment, and for which he has been denied adequate medical attention. The authorities have continually delayed his medical appointments and treatment. He has complained of torture and other ill-treatment, such as being kept in solitary confinement for two weeks and being intentionally exposed to cold temperature without adequate clothing.

That is why I urge you to:

- release Issa al-Nukheifi immediately and unconditionally, as he is a prisoner of conscience jailed solely for exercising his rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly;
- ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, given immediate access to any medical attention he may require and regular access to his family;
- open an independent investigation into his allegation of torture and other ill-treatment;
- quash his conviction and sentence.

Yours sincerely,

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