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UA 191/04 Fear of torture/ill- treatment / Incommunicado detention

SAUDI ARABIA Mazen Saleh bin Mohammed al-Hussein al-Tammimi (m), aged 30

Mazen Saleh bin Mohammed al-Hussein al-Tammimi is reportedly being held in incommunicado detention in the offices of Saudi Arabia's General Intelligence service (*al-Mabahith al-'Amma*) in the town of Damman. He is at risk of torture.

He was reportedly arrested at his family home in Damman on 31 May, along with Mazen, his wife, aged 24, and his four children; Mukhlid, aged six, Salem, aged three, Omar, aged two, and al-'Anood, aged three months. Although his family were released the following day, he remains in custody.

The exact reason for his arrest is not known to Amnesty International, but it is believed to be linked with his attendance at a meeting that discussed the issue of detainees in the Gulf, Guantánamo Bay, and Iraq, which took place in Qatar on 27 May.

Suspects in Saudi Arabia are frequently tortured and ill-treated while held in incommunicado detention. They can be held for long periods, often until a confession is obtained from them.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic or your own language:

- asking the authorities to ensure that Mazen Saleh bin Mohammed al-Hussein al-Tammimi is protected from torture and ill-treatment and given regular access to family, lawyers and medical attention if necessary;
- seeking clarification on the exact reasons for Mazen Saleh bin Mohammed al-Hussein al-Tammimi's arrest and detention, and call for his immediate and unconditional release if he is held solely for taking part in a meeting;
- asking for details of any charges against him and for information on any subsequent trial proceedings.

APPEALS TO:

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(it may be difficult to get through, please keep trying)

Salutation: Your Royal Highness

King and Prime Minister, Custodian of the Two Holy Shrines
His Majesty King Fahd bin >Abdul >Aziz Al-Saud,
Office of H.M. The King,
Royal Court,
Riyadh,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Salutation: Your Majesty

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Saudi Arabia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 16 July 2004.