

## **ACT NOW**

## Write to the Saudi Arabian authorities:

- Calling for Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy to be released without delay, or charged with a recognizably criminal offence and given a prompt and fair trial.
- Urging them to ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and given prompt and regular access to consular assistance, a lawyer of his own choosing, his family and any medical attention he may require.

## Send appeals to:

King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud Office of His Majesty The King Royal Court Riyadh Saudi Arabia

Fax: +966 1 4612061 Salutation: Your Majesty

Please send copies to diplomatic representatives of Saudi Arabia in your own country.



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Sudanese national Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy was arrested in Madina, Saudi Arabia, on 26 June 2004. His family heard nothing until February 2005, when a Saudi Arabian national who had visited a prison in Madina told them that Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy was detained there on suspicion of belonging to an Islamist organization.

Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy worked as a "suitcase trader", making a living by travelling between Sudan, Syria and the United Arab Emirates buying and selling household goods and clothes. This provided the sole income for his family in Sudan, including his wife, children and elderly parents. He appears to have been suspected of terrorism due to his frequent journeys within the region.

He is one of thousands of people detained in Saudi Arabia as part of the "war on terror". Suspects are often held for years without trial and without access to lawyers or the courts to challenge the legality of their detention. The proceedings of those who are brought to trial are invariably held in secret.

