

# URGENT ACTION

## COURT ORDERS HALT TO EXECUTION

**The Supreme Court in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, has ordered a halt to the execution of a Saudi Arabian man sentenced to death after an unfair trial.**

**Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari** was due to be executed on 19 December. The Supreme Court ordered a halt to his execution on 16 December and referred the case for re-examination by the General Court in Najran, near the Yemeni border in the south-west of the country.

The Supreme Court made its decision after Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari's lawyers complained that the case files included falsified information and testimonies. Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari was not assisted by a lawyer during his previous trials.

Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari's execution had been first scheduled for September, but was postponed for three months after pressure from his relatives to delay it to allow negotiations with the family of the man Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari had been convicted of murdering.

Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari, who has remained in prison, pending his retrial, expressed his joy at the decision and thanked Amnesty International for campaigning on his case.

Amnesty International will remain in touch with Mabruk bin Ali al-Sai'ari's lawyer and take further campaigning action if necessary.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**

This is the first update of UA 307/13. Further information: [www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE23/034/2013/en](http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE23/034/2013/en)

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