

URGENT ACTION

SAUDI ARABIAN MAN EXECUTED

Yussuf al-Mushaikhass was executed on 11 July without the family being informed. His death sentence was handed down following a grossly unfair trial at Saudi Arabia's counter-terror court.

Yussuf Ali al-Mushaikhass, a 42-year-old Saudi Arabian Shi'a man, was executed on 11 July along with three other men in the country's Eastern Province of Qatif. According to information received by Amnesty International, the Saudi Arabian authorities did not inform Yussuf al-Mushaikhass' family about the timing of the execution. His family only found out that he had been executed afterwards, when they saw a government statement read on TV. All four men had been convicted of offences connected to their participation in anti-government protests in the Shi'a majority Eastern Province between 2011 and 2012.

Yussuf al-Mushaikhass was found guilty by the Specialized Criminal Court (SCC) in Riyadh on 6 January 2016 of offences that included "firing at a police station in Awamiyya twice, resulting in the injury of a policeman", "armed rebellion against the ruler" and "participating in riots". The court appears to have based its decision largely on "confessions" which Yussuf al-Mushaikhass told the court had been obtained through torture and other ill-treatment.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

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