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Amnesty International launches first-ever global campaign to expose human rights violations in:

SAUDI ARABIA

At the launch of the first-ever international campaign to expose human rights violations in Saudi Arabia, Amnesty International has brought together victims of human rights violations and experts for a special launch event.

Date: TUESDAY 28 MARCH

Time: 10.30am-12.00noon

Venue: Foreign Press Association, 11 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

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In a new report available at the launch – Saudi Arabia: A secret state of suffering – Amnesty International reveals how the government in Saudi Arabia abuses the most basic human rights while banning all political

parties, trade unions, independent lawyers' associations and human rights organizations. In the meantime, the international community sits back in silence.

The panel will consist of:

Mahmoud Ben Romdhane, Chair of Amnesty International's International Executive Committee

June Ray, Director of Amnesty International's Middle East Program

Victims of human rights violations will give their testimonies

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