

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2012:  
WOMEN IN PROTESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
SAUDI ARABIA CAMPAIGN ACTION

In 2011 women activists re-launched an internet campaign protesting against the ban on women driving and calling on women with international driver's licences to take to the roads from 17 June 2011 onwards. Scores of women supported the campaign and got behind the wheel, many of whom filmed themselves driving and posted it on Youtube. Some were arrested as a result and were made to sign pledges to desist with at least one woman tried and sentenced to ten lashes. The campaign has led to renewed scrutiny of the issue but so far has failed to force an overturn of the ban.

**Call for Action:** Send a photo message to Saudi Arabian women activists showing solidarity in their continuing campaign to end the ban against women driving in Saudi Arabia as a first step to an end to discrimination against women. Pictures are to be uploaded on Flickr and will be sent to women activists in the region.

**Flickr Instructions**

A new Flickr gallery will display images of global events for the Women's Rights Day on March 8th. This Flickr site will give us an opportunity to see what everyone is up to around the world at the time of the events instead of having to wait until much later! To include your image just upload your images to Flickr:

**1. Email**

Send your photos direct to [who05filled+private@photos.flickr.com](mailto:who05filled+private@photos.flickr.com)

Add the title of your photo in the subject field.

Add the description of your photo in the body of the email.

Add the tags in subject of your email.

Example:

Subject:	Women's Rights tags: "WRD" "UK"
Body:	Section name & where the event took place