

URGENT ACTION

FAHD EZZI MOHAMMED RAMADHAN RELEASED

On 1 June 2025, Dutch Yemeni national, Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan was released from prison in Saudi Arabia after over 18 months of arbitrary detention. Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan was arrested on 20 November 2023. He was never formally charged, but told officials from the Dutch embassy in Riyadh that he believed the reason for his detention was sympathizing online with a critic of the Saudi royal family. Interrogators had also asked him to sign a document listing four of his tweets.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

On 1 June 2025, Dutch Yemeni national, Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan was released from prison in Saudi Arabia after over 18 months of arbitrary detention. He has now returned to the Netherlands, where he reunited with his family.

On 20 November 2023, two days after arriving to Saudi Arabia from the Netherlands, Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan received a phone call from the Criminal Investigation Department in Jeddah, asking him to report to the police without informing him of the reason. He was arrested, and according to his family held in incommunicado detention from 23 November 2023 until 1 January 2024, when he was allowed to call his sister in Saudi Arabia. He told her that his interrogation had ended, but that he was not aware of any formal charges filed against him. He had no access to legal representation throughout his detention and interrogation.

Officials from the Dutch embassy in Riyadh were allowed to visit him in prison on 21 March 2024. He told them that a few years ago he had expressed sympathy online with a critic of the Saudi royal family and believed that was the reason for his detention. According to his family, in May 2024, prison officials asked Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan to sign a document which included four of his tweets. On 6 May 2025, Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan was acquitted, despite never being formally charged.

Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan sent the following message to the movement: “That Amnesty International was working on my case helped me mentally because it meant there was light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you to all the people who supported me and my family.”

NAME AND PRONOUN: Fahd Ezzi Mohammed Ramadhan (he/him).

THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 91/24.

LINK TO PREVIOUS UA: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde23/8658/2024/en/>.

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