

URGENT ACTION

QATARI BLOGGER RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGE

Sultan al-Khalaifi, who is a Qatari blogger and the founder of a human rights organization, was released without charge on 1 April.

Sultan al-Khalaifi was arrested in the evening of 2 March by around eight individuals in plain clothes, believed to be members of the security forces. He was leaving his parents' house at the time. The individuals took him to his own home, which they then searched, seizing CDs and a laptop. His family's car was also searched. According to information received by Amnesty International, he had told his wife earlier that day that State Security had contacted him, asking him to report to them, but that he did not know why.

The organization founded by Sultan al-Khalaifi campaigns primarily on cases of detention in Qatar, but is legally registered in Switzerland. He was released without charge on 1 April.

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

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