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Further Information on UA 196/05 (MDE 23/010/2005) - Fear of imminent execution

SAUDI ARABIA

Mrs S

Mrs S, who has also been referred to as the "Khamis Mushayt girl", and who was sentenced to death for the murder of a man who allegedly attempted to blackmail her, has been pardoned by the family of the victim.

Mrs S was pardoned following intervention by King Abdullah Bin 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud and Crown Prince Sultan Bin 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud. She is expected to be released within a week

In murder cases of qisas (retribution) under Shari'a law in Saudi Arabia, relatives of the murdered victim can pardon the murder with or without compensation, in which case the death penalty is dropped.

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