

# URGENT ACTION

## FEMALE PROTESTORS RELEASED

**Two women who were detained after being arrested at a protest in the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh, on 3 July were released on 5 July.**

**Rima bint Abdul Rahman al-Jareesh** and **Sharifa al-Saqa'abi** were released in the early evening on 5 July. Rima bint Abdul Rahman al-Jareesh was reported to have been released after a male guardian was told to act as a guarantor for her release.

They were among a larger group of protesters containing around 25 women, 15 men and six children, calling for the fair and public trial of their male relatives, who have been detained for years without charge or trial. The protest took place outside the Ministry of Interior's office in Riyadh. It was said to have begun at 4pm on 3 July and lasted for around an hour and a half until Ministry officials convinced the protesters that their messages had been heard and told them to leave. Rima bint Abdul Rahman al-Jareesh and Sharifa al-Saqa'abi were arrested by security forces as they were leaving, as were around 13 other women and five children, who were later released after they reportedly signed pledges not to protest again.

Both women had previously signed petitions calling for reform in the country. Rima bint Abdul Rahman al-Jareesh is a member of the Saudi Civil and Political Rights Association (ACPRA) and was previously arrested on 19 July 2007 for taking part in a similar protest the day before and was released three days later.

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

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the first update of UA 208/11. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/mde23/014/2011>

Name: Rima bint Abdul Rahman al-Jareesh and Sharifa al-Saqa'abi  
Gender m/f: Both female

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