

URGENT ACTION

SULAIMAN AL-JASSEM RELEASED

Prisoner of conscience Sulaiman al-Jassem was released on 22 October, and had his conviction overturned by the Misdemeanours Appeal Court.

The Misdemeanours Appeal Court ordered the release of **Sulaiman al-Jassem** on 22 October 2014, and overturned his conviction. His lawyers had appealed against his one-month prison sentence and requested that he be released.

Sulaiman al-Jassem had been sentenced on 19 October 2014 after an unfair trial by a Misdemeanours Court on charges of “gathering with more than five people in order to commit a crime”, “participating in an illegal gathering” and “failing to obey police orders to disperse”. He was arrested at his home the next day.

Sulaiman al-Jassem, a lawyer and member of the National Committee for Monitoring Violations, a civil society group, told Amnesty International he believed this UA had been a key factor in his release, together with the work of local and international organizations. He is grateful for all the work and support he has received and his family felt they were not alone.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA 262/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE17/008/2014/en>

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