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PRISON AND 1,000 LASHES FOR SETTING UP A WEBSITE

RAIF BADAWI
SAUDI ARABIA

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Raif Badawi was jailed for 10 years in May 2014 after starting a website for social and political debate in Saudi Arabia. He was charged with creating the 'Saudi Arabian Liberals' website and insulting Islam. His sentence also included 1,000 lashes, a 10-year travel ban, and a ban on appearing on media outlets.

The charges related to articles Raif wrote criticising religious authorities in Saudi Arabia, as well as pieces written by others which were published on his website. The prosecution had called for him to be tried for 'apostasy' (when a person abandons their religion), which carries the death sentence.

Raif is one of many activists in Saudi Arabia persecuted for expressing their views online. Facebook and Twitter are incredibly popular in a country where people can't voice their

opinions openly in public. The authorities have responded to this increase in online debate by monitoring social media sites and even trying to ban applications such as Skype and WhatsApp.

Demand action – write to the King of Saudi Arabia and urge him to release Raif Badawi now.



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Write to the King of Saudi Arabia

Urge him to release Raif Badawi immediately. All charges against him should be dropped and his sentence quashed, and the authorities should refrain from carrying out the flogging punishment.

Write to: His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Office of His Majesty the King, Royal Court, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Fax: +966 11 403 3125 (Please keep trying)

Write a message of support to Raif

Send a tweet to @raif_badawi, and his wife Ensaf Haidar can pass it on. Suggested message: .@raif_badawi you are not forgotten #FreeRaif #Istandwithraif #Saudi

You can also send letters to Raif's wife through Amnesty: Ensaf Haidar, c/o Amnistie Internationale Canada Francophone, 50 Rue Ste-Catherine Ouest, Bureau 500, Montréal, Québec, Canada, H2X 3V4