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**Waleed Abu al-Khair**

Your Royal Highness,

On 6 July 2014, lawyer and human rights defender *Waleed Abu al-Khair* was sentenced by the Specialized Criminal Court (SCC) to fifteen years in prison, a fifteen-year travel ban and a fine for terrorism-related ‘crimes’. On 12 January 2015, his sentence was upheld by the SCC on appeal. On 9 January 2020, *Waleed Abu al-Khair* was hospitalized after his health deteriorated due to his hunger strike. On 6 February 2020, *Waleed* ended his hunger strike after approximately two months.

I therefore urge you to release *Waleed Abu al-Khair* immediately and unconditionally and ensure that his conviction and sentence are quashed.

Pending his release, please ensure that *Waleed Abu al-Khair* is protected from torture and other ill-treat­ment and allowed regular access to his family, and that he is provided with any medical attention he may require.

Yours sincerely,