

Hamad al-Naqi (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Saudi Arabia

Occupation: Shia Muslim

Detained Since: June 2012

Charges: “Insulting the Prophet, the Prophet's wife and companions, mocking Islam, provoking sectarian tensions, insulting the rulers of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain and misusing his mobile phone to spread the comments.”

Sentence: 10 years imprisonment

Additional: Al-Naqi allegedly made a series of posts on Twitter critical of the Prophet Muhammad, his wife, his followers, and the rulers of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. Several members of the National Assembly of Kuwait called for his death. Al-Naqi pled not guilty, arguing that he had not posted the messages, and that his account had been hacked.

Al-Naqi was attacked within weeks of entering prison and has been held in solitary confinement for safety reasons. His lawyers appealed his sentence but, in July 2014, Kuwait's top court upheld his ten-year sentence.



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