

Waleed Abu al-Khair (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Saudi Arabia

Occupation: Human rights lawyer and founder of the organization Monitor of Human Rights in Saudi Arabia

Detained Since: April 15, 2014

Charges: "Inciting public opinion against the government"

Sentence: 15 years imprisonment

Additional: Until his arrest, he was representing Raif Badawi (who is also included in the Defending Freedoms Project). In fact, al-Khair is Badawi's brother-in-law; he is married to Badawi's sister. On July 6, 2014, al-Khair was found guilty of "inciting public opinion against the government" and "insulting the country's leaders and judiciary," and sentenced to 15 years in prison, a 15-year travel ban after his release, and fined 200,000 riyals. On January 15th, 2015, Saudi Arabia's Court of Appeals denied al-Khair's petition, upholding the full 15-year sentence.



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