

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques
Office of His Majesty the King
Royal Court, RIYADH
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

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Your Majesty,

I wish to draw your attention to the case of Yemeni national Mohamed al-Bokari (born in 1991). On 8 April 2020, Saudi security forces arbitrarily arrested him for posting a video on social media calling for equal rights, and in support of LGBT rights. On July 20, he was sentenced to ten months in prison, a fine, and deportation to Yemen which could put his life at risk. Al-Bokari fled Yemen in June 2019 after Yemeni armed groups threatened to kill him. He has since been living in Saudi Arabia. Al-Bokari has had no legal representation to date.

I urge the Saudi Arabian authorities to release Mohamed al-Bokari immediately and unconditionally and to allow him to remain in Saudi Arabia. I further call on the authorities to ensure that Al-Bokari is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, that he is immediately granted adequate medical attention, and is granted access to a lawyer.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,