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The Arab Coalition Against the Death Penalty

A joint statement

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48 Coalitions, Networks and Human rights organizations from 12 Arab Countries strongly condemns execution of Nimr Baqir al-Nimr in Saudi Arabia and renewed its demand of signing of the United Nations Declaration on the moratorium on the death penalty pending the effective abolition of it from national legislation

The Coalition against the Death Penalty and the human rights organizations undersigned expresses shock and utter condemnation of the massacre of mass executions which claimed the lives of 45 Saudi nationals and one Egyptian in addition to another Chadian, which were carried out in Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the year 2016.

They express great concern at the growing phenomenon of the political use of the death penalty, which befell the political opposition Nimr Baqir al-Nimr who was a prisoner of conscience and was executed on political background after he announced an opposition point of view against the political authority of Saudi Arabia.

Many human rights organizations and bodies, which has been demanding the humanization of the criminal justice, ensuring of the right to life, and signing of the United Nations Declaration moratorium on the death penalty pending the effective abolition of the death penalty from national legislation, have been appealing and calling to release him or submit him to a fair and equitable trial, but Saudi authorities ignored all that, executed him, and the confiscated his body.

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Our organizations call for the countries that resort to execution, Saudi Arabia in particular, to abandon the policy of elimination and deliberate exclusion of political opponents and the adoption of unfair trials under their names and weak arguments, like fomenting sedition and disturbing public order. At a time when Nimr Baqir al-Nimr demanded from within his country for political rights of Saudi citizens and that the people be the source of authorities, and he expressed his opinion calling for the right of the people to choose their rulers, and such views cannot be included within the crimes punishable by law.

Our organizations also express their deep regret that the majority of the official international community ignored the deterioration of the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia, for many years, either in anticipation of its natural resources, its oil reservoir, or unjustified exploitation of its major financial capabilities.

we considers that the policy of double standards in the rights of peoples human rights issues in this country, or other countries, is a real threat to international peace and security, and it is one of the core causes of the growing phenomenon of terrorism in the world, and we call on the international community to shoulder full responsibility in drying the sources of intellectual, financial, and colonial racism and other.

The undersigned organizations:

1. The Arab Coalition Against the Death Penalty(includes **10** national coalitions and Organizations)
2. Iraqi Alliance to human rights organizations (include **54** human rights organization)

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3. Coordinating Maghreb human rights organizations (includes 26 Maghreb human rights organization)
4. Tunisian League for Defending Human Rights
5. Amaan net for the rehabilitation and defense of human rights (including 11 human rights organizations in a number of Arab countries) / Lebanon
6. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies
7. AFCF / Mauritania
8. Yemen Organization for Defending Rights and Democratic Freedoms
9. The Egyptian Center for Women's Rights
10. Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture / Lebanon
11. Lebanese movement of transitional justice
12. Freedom of information and expression Organization-Hatem / Morocco
13. Muslim Peacemaker Teams \ Iraq
14. The Moroccan Association for Human Rights
15. Moroccan Forum for Truth and Justice
16. Moroccan League for the Defense of Human Rights
17. Algerian League for the Defence of Human Rights
18. Tunisian Association of Democratic Women
19. The Arab Commission for Human Rights / France
20. El Nadeem Center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture / Egypt
21. Arab Network for Human Rights Trainers
22. Damascus Center for Theoretical Studies and Civil Rights / Sweden
23. Human Rights and Democracy Media Center 'SHAMS' / Palestine
24. Arab Women's Organization / Jordan
25. Syrian Center for Economic and Social Rights
26. Lawyers Without Borders Organization / Yemen
27. Mauritanian Association for the promotion of rights
28. Mauritanian Association for HR and Development

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29. Coordinating Body awareness of the issue and for national unity and the fight against slavery / Mauritania
30. Civil Alliance of peace and the protection of the rights and freedoms / Yemen
31. Justice Organization for HR and Democracy in Syria
32. The legal status of the rights and development / Yemen
33. Arab Network for Human Rights Trainers
34. Yemeni women Network for peace and security.
35. Adaleh Foundation for Human Rights / Yemen
36. Al Mezan Association for the Development of Human Rights / Iraq
37. Arab Association for Human Rights / Yemen
38. Jordanian Coalition Against the Death Penalty
39. Yemeni Coalition against the Death Penalty.
40. National Foundation for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings / Yemen.
41. National Observatory for Human Rights / Morocco
42. Jordanian Network for Human Rights Trainers
43. Yemeni Coalition for Monitoring the War Crimes
44. Ugarit Center for Human Rights Training / Syria
45. Bahrain Forum for Human Rights
46. Arab Women Media Center
47. Legal House Foundation / Yemen
48. Legal Center for rights and development / Yemen