

ACT NOW FOR HAMAD AL-NEYL ABU KASSAWY

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Arrested on his way to perform pilgrimage apparently because the authorities saw his frequent international travel as a security concern

Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy, the sole breadwinner for his large family, has been held without charge or trial in Saudi Arabia since June 2004. He had flown from Syria to Madina to carry out *'umra*, a form of Islamic pilgrimage, but was arrested on arrival. After hearing nothing for eight months, his family learned from a Saudi Arabian national who had visited a prison in Madina that Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy was being detained there on suspicion of belonging to an illegal organization.

Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy appears to be a suspect because of his frequent journeys as a trader between Sudan, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. He is one of thousands of security detainees in Saudi Arabia, who are invariably held for years without access to lawyers or the courts.

ACT NOW

Call on Saudi Arabia's Head of State to:

- Release Hamad al-Neyl Abu Kassawy without delay unless he is given a fair trial or the opportunity to challenge the legality of his detention.
- Ensure that he is protected from torture or other ill-treatment and given prompt and regular access to his lawyer, family and any medical assistance if necessary.

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