

ACT NOW FOR MAHMOUD AHMED AL-SHEIKH

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MAHMOUD AHMED AL-SHEIKH

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Held for five years for no known reason and without being allowed to see his family

Mahmoud Ahmed al-Sheikh, aged 24, was arrested in 2004 in al-Dammam when he was a student at the city's Petroleum University. He is believed to be held in the General Intelligence Prison in al-Dammam.

Most of the thousands of security detainees in Saudi Arabia have been held for years without trial and without access to lawyers and the courts to challenge the legality of their detention. They have invariably been held incommunicado following arrest and throughout the period of interrogation, which can last for years, before they are allowed family visits. Most remain behind bars until the arresting authorities believe that they are not a security threat or until they promise to forgo their right to peaceful opposition and pledge obedience to the ruler.

ACT NOW

Call on Saudi Arabia's Head of State to:

- Release Mahmoud Ahmed al-Sheikh 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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