

URGENT ACTION

JUDGE RELEASED FROM ARBITRARY DETENTION

On 12 June 2024, the Huthi de facto authorities released Yemeni judge Abdulwahab Mohammad Qatran after spending more than five months in arbitrary detention at the Huthi -run security and intelligence detention centre in Sana'a, Yemen. Following his arrest on 2 January 2024, the judge was subjected to enforced disappearance for three days and was placed in solitary confinement at the Huthi-run security and intelligence detention centre in Sana'a and denied his right to a lawyer.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

Abdelwahab Mohammad Qatran, a Yemeni judge and vocal critic of the Huthi de facto authorities' policies and human rights violations, was released on 12 June 2024 after being arbitrarily detained by the Huthis for more than five months at the Huthi-run security and intelligence detention centre in Sana'a, Yemen.

On the morning of 2 January 2024, Huthi security and intelligence forces broke into the house of Abdulwahab Mohammad Qatran in al Zira'a street in Sana'a without a warrant. They threatened the judge and his family, pointed their guns at his sons and handcuffed them, and then held the judge and his sons in separate military vehicles for hours. Security and intelligence forces searched the judge's house and confiscated the family's phones, laptops and private documents. They held the judge's wife and her sister and daughter in a room and then coerced the judge's wife into signing an interrogation record without reading it. The judge was then arrested around 5:30pm while his three sons were released. According to one of his sons, when the security and intelligence forces released him from their military vehicle, he saw a car full of alcohol bottles displayed to the neighbourhood as being allegedly discovered at the judge's house to justify his arrest. The Yemeni Penal Code criminalizes the manufacturing and drinking of alcohol.

Abdelwahab Mohammad Qatran was then subjected to enforced disappearance for three days until the authorities confirmed to the family that he was held at the security and intelligence detention centre in Sana'a.

In a message to Amnesty International, Abdelwahab Mohammad Qatran thanked the organization for standing in solidarity with him.

NAME AND PRONOUN: Abdulwahab Mohammad Qatran (he/him)

THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL OUTPUT FOR UA 16/24

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