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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST



HOPE AND WARNING FOR
A MODERN WORLD

WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



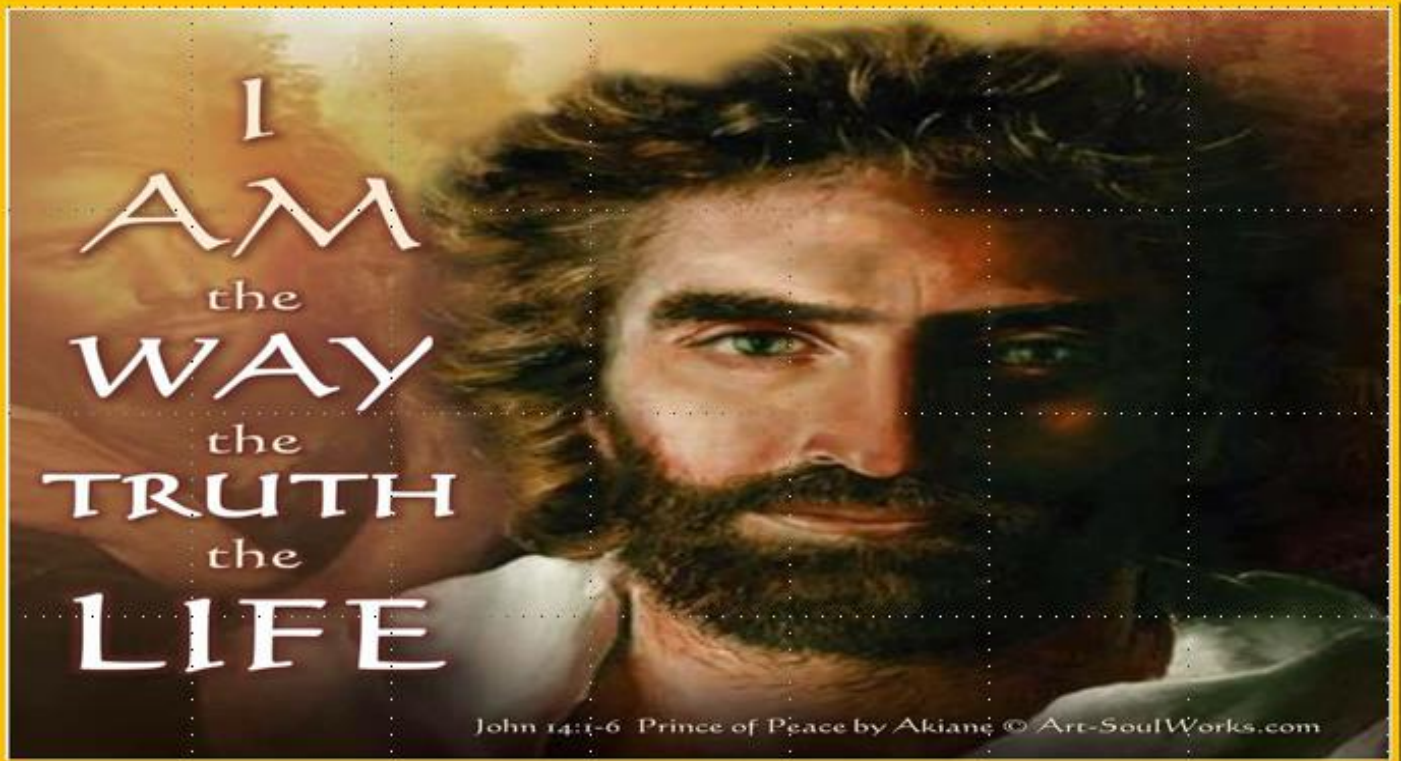
REVELATION 10:5-6 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **THAT THERE SHOULD BE TIME NO LONGER:**

[Jeremiah 30:7](#) Alas! for **THAT DAY IS GREAT, SO THAT NONE IS LIKE IT: IT IS EVEN THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE**, but he [Israel's Believing Remnant at the end of the seven year tribulation} shall be saved out of it.

[Revelation 3:10](#) Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from **THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION, WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD, TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL UPON THE EARTH.**

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! **FOR THE DEVIL IS COME DOWN UNTO YOU, HAVING GREAT WRATH, BECAUSE HE KNOWETH THAT HE HATH BUT A SHORT TIME.**



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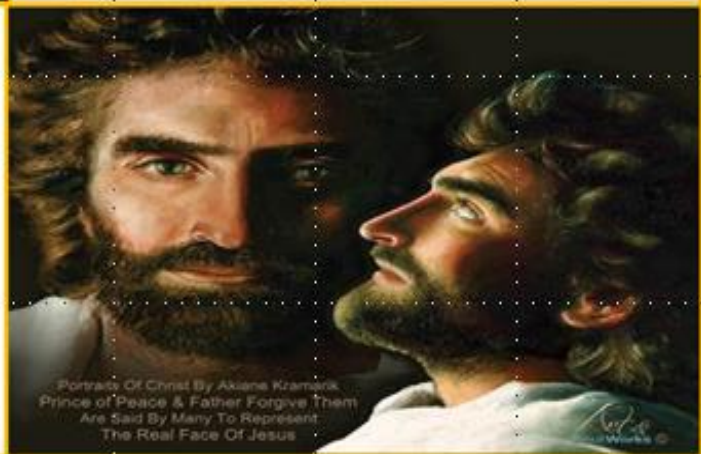
THE FATHER SON AND HOLY SPIRIT



The Chronovisor Remains A Vatican Mystery



The purported photo of Jesus (left) and a curiously similar painting (right) created long before Pellegrino Ernetti released this image.



Portraits Of Christ By Akiane Kramarik
Prince of Peace & Father Forgive Them
Are Said By Many To Represent
The Real Face Of Jesus

[Matthew 28:19](#) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of **THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST:**

[Revelation 19:11](#)

And I saw heaven opened, and **BEHOLD A WHITE HORSE; AND HE THAT SAT UPON HIM WAS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and **UNDERSTAND THAT I AM HE:** before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

[Isaiah 52:6](#) Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore **THEY SHALL KNOW IN THAT DAY THAT I AM HE THAT DOTHSPEAK: BEHOLD, IT IS I.**

[Luke 21:28](#) And **WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, THEN LOOK UP, AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS; FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH.**

In His Service,

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Make Your (7) Decision for Christ NOW!!!!!! Time is Up!!!!!!

<https://youtu.be/4lzupUaqVM0>

Jesus Christ's Offer of Salvation:

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/j-MUxAO52Zg>

The ABCs (7) of Salvation through Jesus Christ (the Lamb)

- A. (7) Admit/Acknowledge/Accept that you are sinner. Ask (7) God's forgiveness and repent of your sins.

. . . “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23).

. . . “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.” (Romans 3:10).

. . . “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8).

B. Believe Jesus is Lord. Believe that (7) Jesus Christ is who He claimed to (7) be; that He was both fully God (7) and fully man and that we are (7) saved through His death, burial, and resurrection. (7) Put your trust in Him as your (7) only hope of salvation. Become a son (7) or daughter of God by receiving Christ. (7777777) 7x7

. . . “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:15-17). For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13).

C. Call upon His name, Confess (7) with your heart and with your lips (7) that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

. . . “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10).

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE ISLAMIC ANTICHRIST (Free E-Book)

<https://my.visme.co/view/vdn9746p-the-ultimate-guide-to-the-islamic-antichrist>

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SATAN, THE MAN-BY-SATAN (MBS) AND THE ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT

<https://rumble.com/v563e42-satan-the-man-by-satan-mbs-and-the-one-world-government.html>

Daniel 8:23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, **A KING OF FIERCE COUNTENANCE, AND UNDERSTANDING DARK [POLITICAL] SENTENCES, SHALL STAND UP [RISE UP ON THE WORLD'S STAGE].**

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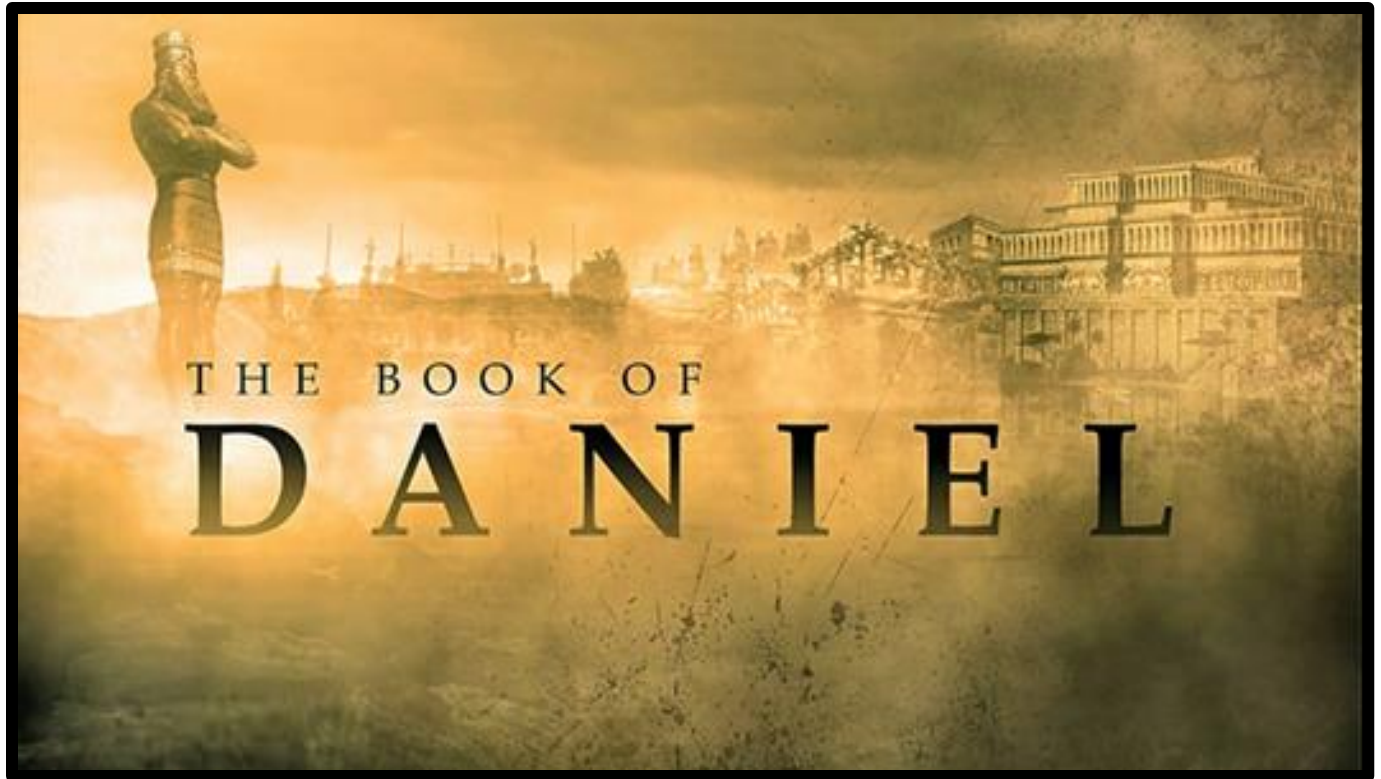
24 And his power shall be mighty, **BUT NOT BY HIS OWN POWER:** and he shall destroy wonderfully, and **SHALL PROSPER, AND PRACTISE,** and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

25 And **THROUGH HIS POLICY ALSO HE SHALL CAUSE CRAFT TO PROSPER IN HIS HAND;** and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

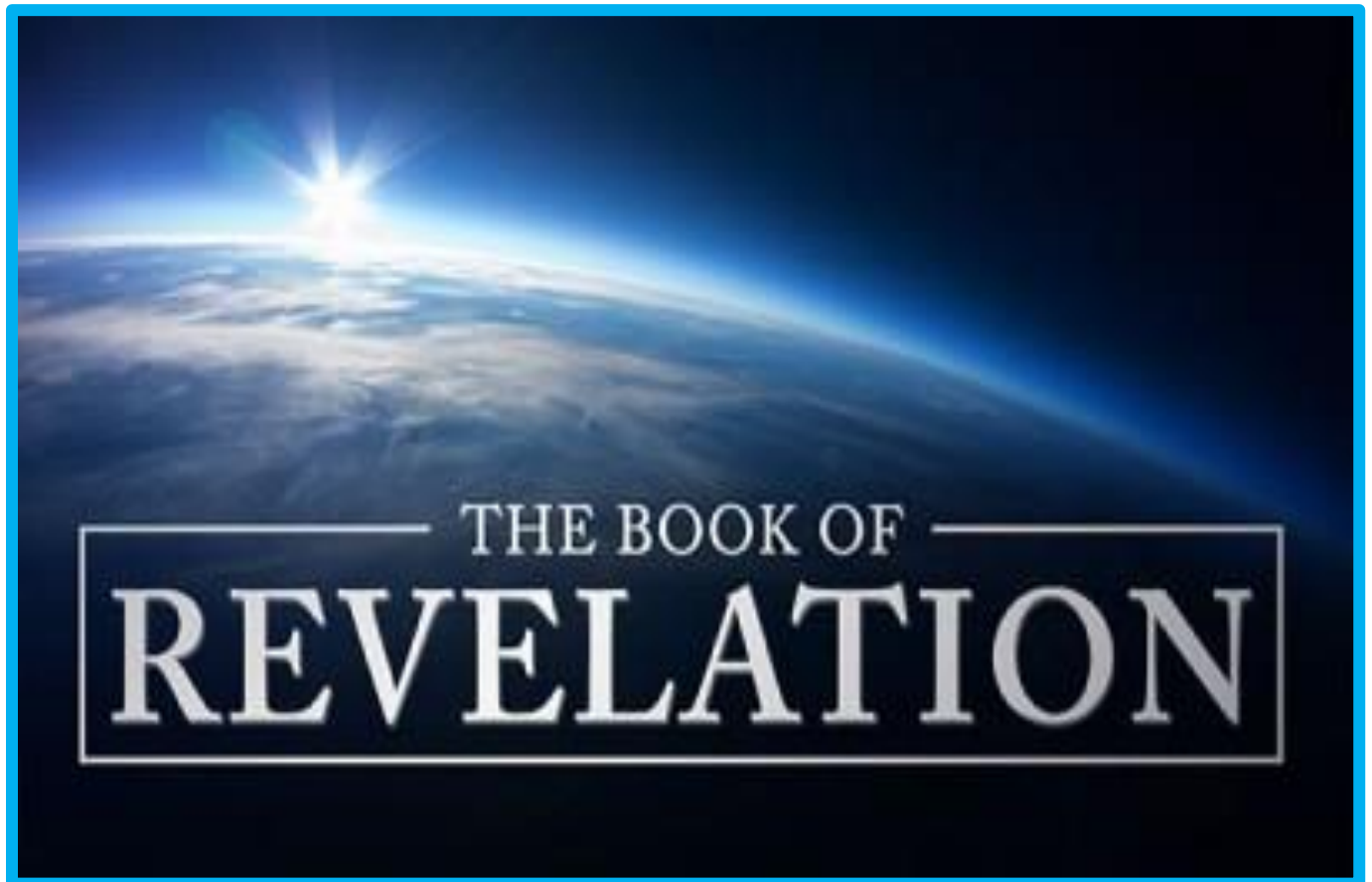


MBS (MAN-BY-SATAN) - THE GREAT SPEAKER, PRINCE OR BEAST PERFORMS WONDEROUSLY AND DECEIVINGLY. MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN.

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MISPLACED 'HOPE' HAS MADE THE WORLD RIPE FOR THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST

By [Dean Dwyer](#) October 27, 2024 HARBINGERS DAILY



Of all the exhortations in the Word of God that Paul is inspired to write, there is one which should be precious to every saint in these closing days of the church age. He says in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.”

Although the word “hope” is not used in the passage above, it is clear that in order to watch, to stand, to be brave and strong, we must have hope. But what exactly is Biblical hope and where does my hope come from? To answer the first question, hope is an unwavering confidence in God’s goodness and power to do what He says He will do because of His love for us and His faithfulness to His Word. Answering the second question adequately will take a little more time.

Many people believe hope is to be found by looking outward. Consequently, they are searching fervently for a political, economic or cultural solution to counteract the mess the world is currently in. Others believe that hope is found within and

that if each person manifests enough of their inner strength, the world will overcome evil with good.

Although such beliefs have formed the basis of countless television shows, feel-good movies and books, real and everlasting hope comes from above. As the Psalmist proclaimed in Psalm 42:5: “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.” This abiding hope is not only reserved for a special few, but it is something that God wants both Jew and Gentile to share in. The reason we are able to share in this common bond of hope is because Jesus didn’t just come to bring hope – He is our hope. 1 Timothy 1:1 says: “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Saviour and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope.”

As natural disasters, wars, rumours of wars and diseases continue to cause great distress amongst the nations, people are searching for some type of hope that will comfort them in life and in death. ***THE PROBLEM IS, THEY CONTINUE THEIR FRANTIC SEARCH BY LOOKING INWARD AND OUTWARD INSTEAD OF UPWARD. THIS, TO SOME DEGREE, EXPLAINS WHY THIS WORLD IS BECOMING RIPE FOR THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST. MANY WILL BLINDLY BELIEVE HE IS THE MAN WITH A PLAN WHO IS GOING TO RESTORE HOPE. NOT CONTENT TO LIVE BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, MANY WILL FALL FOR THE WICKED AGENDA OF THE ANTICHRIST BECAUSE THEY PREFER TO LIVE BY SIGHT.***



#BREAKING: Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman: #SaudiArabia is proceeding in its developmental renaissance in accordance with Vision 2030.

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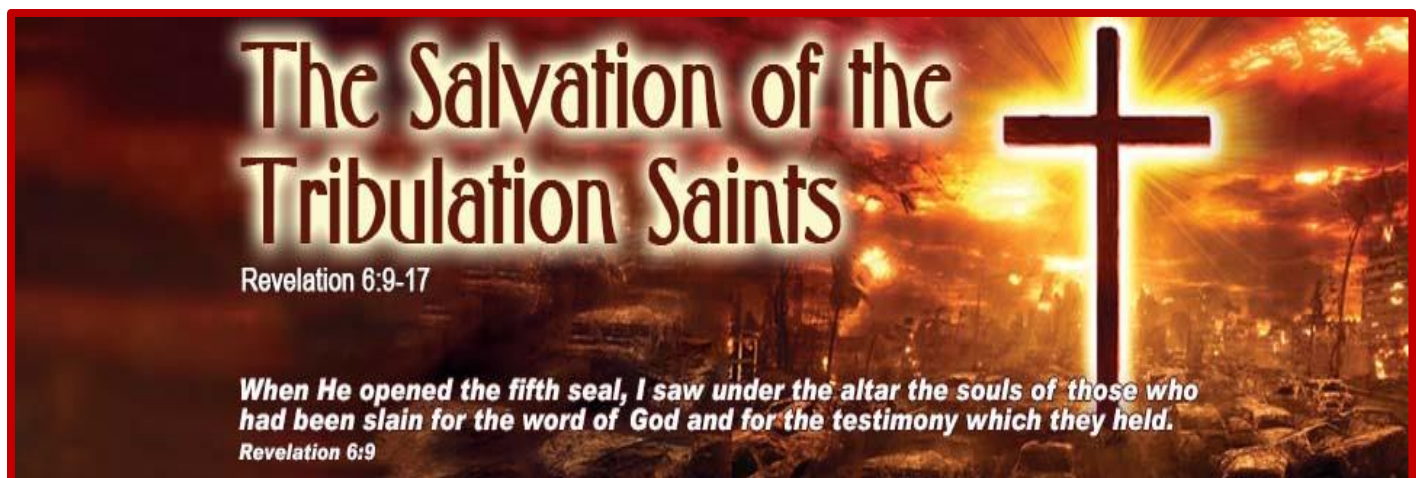




In 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, one of the contrasts that Paul uses is soberness and drunkenness. Of course, **WHEN WE THINK OF BEING SOBER MINDED SPIRITUALLY, IT LENDS ITSELF TO BEING ALERT AND LIVING WITH OUR SPIRITUAL EARS AND EYES OPEN. A SOBER-MINDED BELIEVER HAS A CALM, RATIONAL OUTLOOK ON LIFE, GROUNDED IN THE PROMISES OF GOD.** It does not mean we are complacent – it simply means that we should not become overwhelmed when we see an increase in wars, in disease, in pestilence and in troubles, for we know these things must come to pass.

We can hear the tragic news of the day, but not lose heart. We can experience the difficulties of life, but not give up. We know Who holds tomorrow and because we can rest assuredly on the promises of God, we can live each day calmly and obediently. There is an old saying: outlook determines outcome. **FOR THE BELIEVER, OUR OUTLOOK SHOULD BE CENTRED ON THE UPLOOK BECAUSE THAT REMINDS US THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, OUR OUTCOME IS SECURE BECAUSE WE STAND UPON THE ROCK WHO IS OUR HOPE.** Psalm 62:5-6 says: “My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.”

As we wait for that trumpet blast, let us not permit ourselves to grow weak-kneed and weary but seek the ever-present strength of the Lord, for He is our blessed hope.



Saudi Arabia's 'The Line': Big on Agenda 2030 and big on human rights violations and workers' deaths



SAUDI ARABIA'S SMART CITY 'THE LINE': BIG ON AGENDA 2030 AND BIG ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND WORKERS' DEATHS

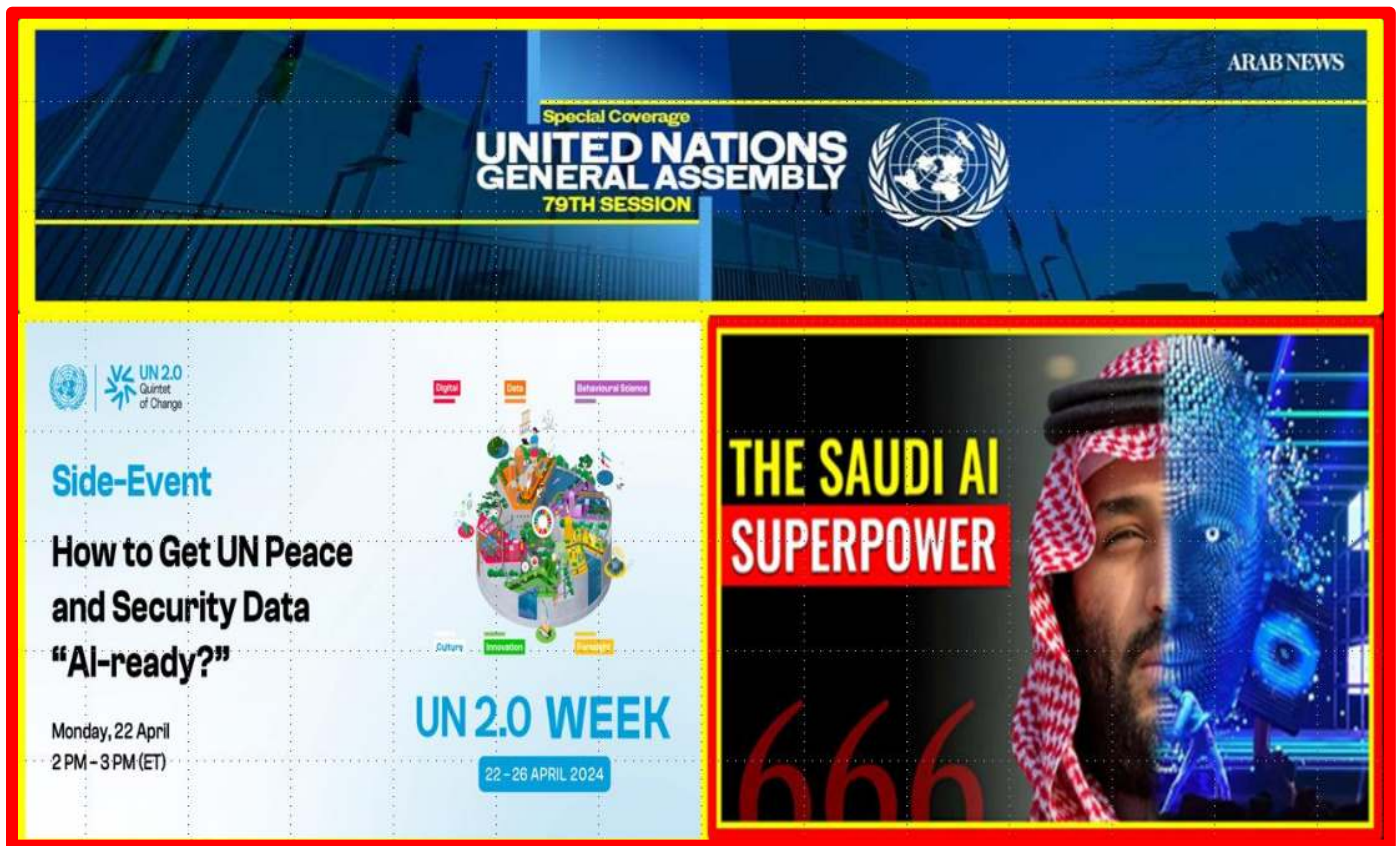
By [Rhoda Wilson](#) on [October 31, 2024](#)

A documentary released last month explored the latest updates on The Line project in Neom. Rumours say it has been scaled back from 105 miles to 1.5 miles. And a **DOCUMENTARY AIRED ON SUNDAY REVEALED THAT MORE THAN 21,000 WORKERS HAVE DIED IN JUST EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED.**

The Line is a 105-mile (170-kilometre) long, linear smart city being built in Neom, Saudi Arabia. The city is designed to be a mirrored architectural masterpiece standing 500 meters tall and 200 meters wide. **THE PROJECT, LAUNCHED AS PART OF SAUDI VISION 2030**, aims to transform the country into a global tourism hub.

[The Line](#) is designed to be a car-free city, with all transportation systems integrated into a single, efficient network. The city will be powered entirely by renewable energy sources, including solar, wind and hydrogen-based power generation. And it **FEATURES EMBEDDED SMART TECHNOLOGIES, WITH SERVICES CONTINUALLY**

OPTIMISED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (“AI”) TO ENSURE EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES AND MINIMISE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.



Not only is it humiliating for Saudi Arabia that the 105-mile-long £1 trillion flagship project has been reduced to 1.5 miles but it holds a dirty secret. ***THE CONSTRUCTION OF IT HAS FACED HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, INCLUDING ALLEGATIONS OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF LOCAL TRIBES, AND EXPLOITATION AND DEATH OF MIGRANT WORKERS.***

ON 27 OCTOBER, ITVX AIRED A DOCUMENTARY ‘KINGDOM UNCOVERED: INSIDE SAUDI ARABIA’ MADE BY A FEMALE JOURNALIST WHO WENT UNDERCOVER TO INVESTIGATE WHAT LIFE IS REALLY LIKE IN SAUDI ARABIA, AN INCREASINGLY AUTOCRATIC STATE.

ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTARY, OVER 21,000 WORKERS HAVE DIED SINCE 2016, WITH MANY MORE SUFFERING FROM POOR WORKING CONDITIONS, EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING, WITH NEPALESE WORKERS ALONE REPORTING OVER 650 UNEXPLAINED DEATHS.

THE DOCUMENTARY EXPOSES THE BRUTAL REALITY OF WORKING CONDITIONS IN NEOM, INCLUDING 16-HOUR DAYS, EXCEEDING SAUDI LAW'S 60-HOUR WEEKLY LIMIT, WORKERS BEING FORCED TO WORK WITHOUT PROPER REST, LEADING TO MENTAL FATIGUE AND PHYSICAL TORMENT, LACK OF FOOD AND SLEEP RESULTING IN ACCIDENTS AND ILLNESSES, AND MIGRANT WORKERS BEING TREATED LIKE "TRAPPED SLAVES" AND "BEGGARS."

It also highlights the systematic exploitation of migrant workers, including missed payments, with some workers going months without receiving wages, and lack of access to healthcare, with workers being forced to pay exorbitant fees for medical treatment.

Reporting on ITVX's documentary, [Middle East Eye](#) quoted Nicholas McGeehan, director at the UK-based human rights organisation FairSquare, as saying that the working hours of the labourers at The Line were "way beyond what the international minimum standards permit."



“The reality is that **WORKERS ALL OVER SAUDI ARABIA ARE SUBJECT TO DEEPLY ABUSIVE AND DANGEROUS EXPLOITATION. THE ABUSES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY HAPPENING ACROSS THE COUNTRY,**” McGeehan said.

To access ITVX you are required to register with a postcode, unless you live in the UK you may not be able to [watch its documentary](#). However, in September DeCode released the reportage below giving an update on The Line. **THE REPORT DISCUSSES THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES RELATING TO THE FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF LOCAL TRIBES WITH THE USE OF LETHAL FORCE AND ARREST FOR ANYONE WHO RESISTED OR CRITICISED THE PROJECT ONLINE.** It also discussed the financing of the project, with some financiers pulling out after the forced displacement of people came to light, and The Line’s progress, or lack of progress.

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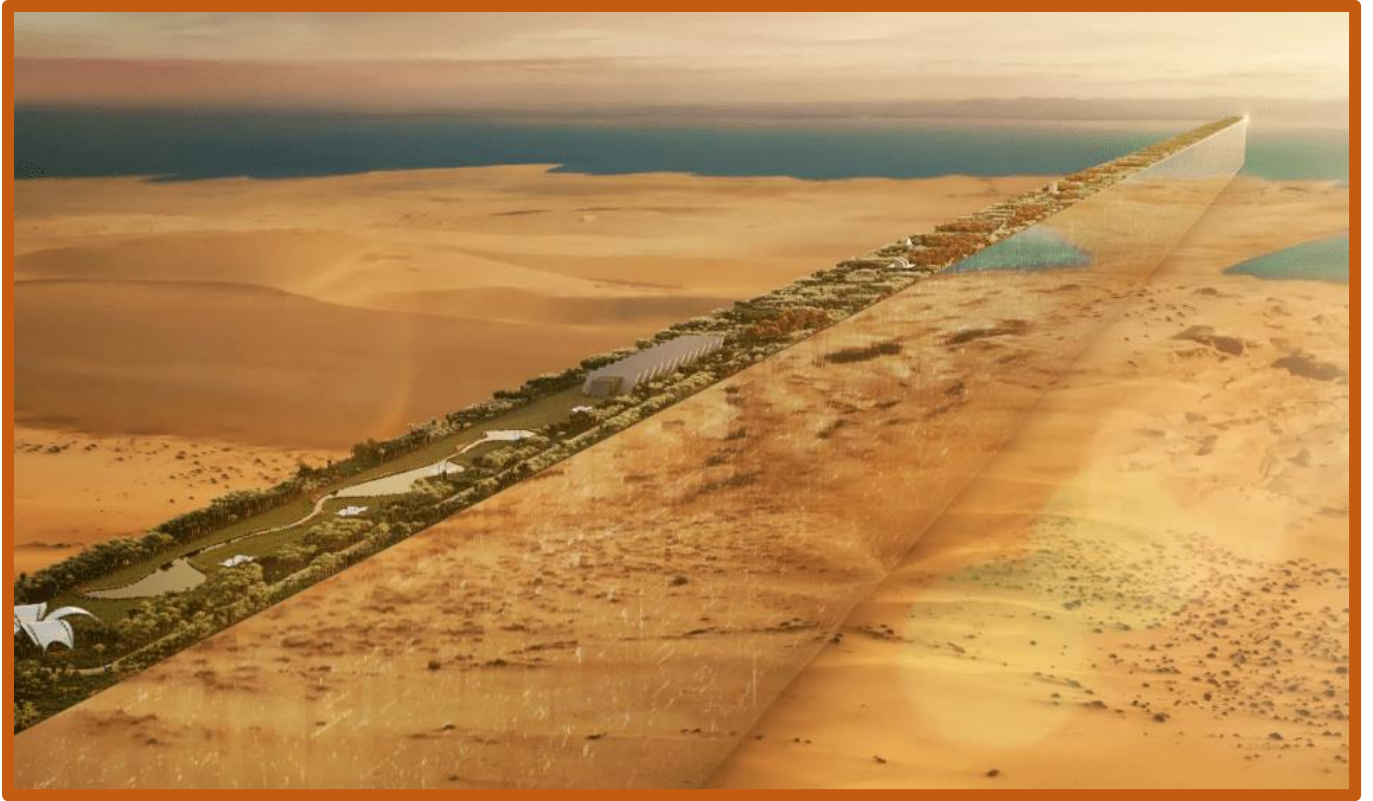
BLOOD ON THEIR SANDS: INSIDE SAUDI ARABIA’S BLOODY £1TN NEOM MEGAPROJECT ‘WITH 21K WORKERS MYSTERIOUSLY DYING & LABOURERS TRAPPED LIKE SLAVES’

Watch the footage from the documentary

[Georgie English](#), Foreign News Reporter Published: 10:14 ET, Oct 27 2024 Updated: 22:33 ET, Oct 27 2024

A BRAVE female reporter has gone undercover to reveal the dangerous and deadly working conditions inside Saudi Arabia.

MORE THAN 21,000 WORKERS HAVE DIED IN JUST EIGHT YEARS SINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN LAUNCHED HIS SAUDI VISION 2030 PROJECT, ACCORDING TO SHOCKING NEW STATISTICS.





Staff have complained of feeling like "trapped slaves" and "beggars" in the country. Serious allegations of missed payments, working illegal hours and a number of clear human rights violations have all been made.

Terrified workers and the heartbroken family members of workers who have died since moving to Saudi have revealed the horrors they've faced in recent years in ITV's latest expose.

DUBBED "KINGDOM UNCOVERED: INSIDE SAUDI ARABIA" THE DOCUMENTARY SPEAKS ON THE DEADLY ISSUES EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND FOR MANY.

It goes inside the ***ILLEGAL PRACTICES AND TERRIBLE VIOLATIONS MANY SAY ARE BEING COMMITTED EACH DAY UNDER THE GUISE OF CONSTRUCTING SOME OF THE WORLD'S PRICIEST BUILDING PROJECTS.***

THE DIVISIVE RULER OF THE KINGDOM, CROWN PRINCE [MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN](#), HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT of trying to develop the oil state into a global tourism hub.

Bloomberg Businessweek

July 18, 2022

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WHAT DOES \$500 BILLION BUILD IN THE SAUDI DESERT?



*A royal fantasy brought to you by
Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman*

<https://youtu.be/tK1OTQzyiX8>

HE HAS SPLASHED TRILLIONS TO CREATE HIS SAUDI VISION 2030 PROJECT WHICH FEATURES COMPLEXES SUCH AS THE FLAGSHIP NEOM WHICH INCLUDES FANTASY IDEAS SUCH AS THE LINE.

Despite the luxury plans for the ambitious builds human rights groups have [expressed many concerns over the massive construction plans](#). With fears that migrant labour will be exploited and many locals would be displaced.

SAUDI ARABIA HAS ALSO BEEN HIT WITH SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS CLAIMING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MIGRANTS WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION HAVE DISAPPEARED. EMERGING REPORTS ALLEGE THAT AS MANY AS 100,000 MIGRANT WORKERS HAVE GONE MISSING DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEOM.

New figures from ITV have also revealed that **21,000 FOREIGN WORKERS FROM INDIA, BANGLADESH AND NEPAL HAVE ALL DIED SINCE VISION 2030 WAS LAUNCHED**. Nepal's Foreign Employment Board suggests that over 650 Nepalese worker's deaths are still unexplained.

In the documentary an undercover journalist named Noura speaks with workers from The Line about the toll its taken on people. The futuristic 100-mile car-free city with a million residents is currently under construction deep in the Saudi desert.

One worker revealed in the documentary that he is often made to work 16-hour days helping to build a high-speed train tunnel for The Line. Over just one seven-day week the worker says he can do upwards of 84 hours.

Saudi law strictly states that no one should do more than 60 hours a week. The worker revealed: "We're made to work extremely hard. There is little time to rest.

"We get tired. We suffer from anxiety day and night. **SAUDI DOESN'T CARE MUCH FOR CITIZENS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.**

"We are treated like beggars."

Nicholas McGeehan, director at human rights organisation FairSquare, said: "These working hours are way beyond what the international minimum standards permit.

"THE REALITY IS THAT WORKERS ALL OVER SAUDI ARABIA ARE SUBJECT TO DEEPLY ABUSIVE AND DANGEROUS EXPLOITATION.

"THE ABUSES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY HAPPENING ACROSS THE COUNTRY."

In another clip with a group of local workers one man says: "We feel like trapped slaves." In the documentary Noura says that she has spoke to ***MANY WORKERS WHO SAY THEY HAVEN'T BEEN PAID FOR MONTHS. WORKERS SAY SOME OF THEM HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CASH GO INTO THEIR ACCOUNTS FOR 10 MONTHS.***

Other allege that they don't get fed or can't afford to eat with others and say they are never allowed to leave the Kingdom to see their families.

A driver who works for NEOM revealed the lack of sleep and continuous work has caused many accidents with almost ***FIVE (5) CRASHES PER MONTH.***

In a statement NEOM replied: "We are assessing the claims made in this programme and, where required, will take appropriate action.

"We require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with NEOM's Code of Conduct, based on the laws of Saudi Arabia and the policies of the International Labour Organization.

"They are subject to frequent inspections of their workers' living and working conditions."

Another major issue Noura found was how the combination of a busy workload, lack of food and sleep and a general negative environment can lead to mental fatigue and physical torment.

In many cases this stress led to illnesses.

A harrowing phone call from a Nepalese worker in the Kingdom called Raju Bishwakarma was played in the documentary as the man begged to be saved.

On the verge of tears, Raju can be heard saying: "Please listen to me I am very sick.

"Please rescue me from here, you have to rescue me."

The man's health rapidly deteriorated but according to his friends and family he was still forced to work.

It got to the point where he was having to be wheeled around in a wheelchair by pals.

The Saudi government has previously said they will always offer healthcare to anyone in a critical condition.

*He was instead offered a chance to leave his job and go home if he paid **A FINE THAT EQUATED TO FIVE (5) MONTHS OF HIS WAGES**, the doc claims.*

Shortly after Raju was found dead inside his room.

Shocking footage recorded by fellow workers showed him being carried away in another man's arms as dozens watch on anger.

Hundreds of workers then protested the conditions with clips of buildings up in flames being shown.

Nepali human rights lawyer Anurag Devkota said: "Migrant workers are leaving this country every day, for a better future for their family members and a better future for their country.

"But in return, what we are getting is the dead bodies in the wooden boxes."

ITV SAY THEY PUT ALL OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE FILM TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT BUT DIDN'T RECEIVE A REPLY.



Watch Kingdom Uncovered: Inside Saudi Arabia on Sunday October 27 at 22:15pm on ITV.

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x98dkqu>

As Saudi Arabia bids to host the FIFA World Cup, a female journalist goes undercover to investigate what life is really like in this increasingly autocratic state. ***THE KINGDOM'S CONTROVERSIAL RULER CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN - OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "MBS" - IS SPENDING TRILLIONS TO TRANSFORM HIS COUNTRY AND ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.*** At great personal risk, the journalist uncovers a very different story. Fearful of surveillance, she discovers evidence of illegal working conditions at MBS' most high-profile project, The Line, violent protests by workers at another site, and claims by others that they are treated like slaves. ***SHE FILMS THOSE CAUGHT UP IN A FEROCIOUS CRACKDOWN ON PEOPLE WHO CRITICISE MBS'S PLANS, AND OBTAINS RARE FOOTAGE OF SHOCKING CONDITIONS IN SAUDI'S DETENTION SYSTEM. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FOOTAGE OF THIS KIND HAS BEEN FILMED BY DOCUMENTARY-MAKERS SINCE THE CROWN PRINCE'S RISE TO POWER AND THIS POWERFUL FILM EXPOSES THE DISTURBING REALITY BEHIND HIS TRANSFORMATION OF SAUDI ARABIA.***

FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES: ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING NEOM IS THE FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF THE HUWAITAT TRIBE. THIS INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS LIVED IN THE AREA FOR CENTURIES, WAS FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEGA-CITY.

The Saudi government's crackdown on those who resisted, including the killing of a tribal leader, Abdul Rahim al-Howeiti, has drawn widespread condemnation from human rights organisations. This blunder not only sparked international outrage but also tainted NEOM's image as a forward-thinking, humane project.



KSA JAILS 2 TRIBESMEN FOR BACKING TRIBE RESISTING EVICTION FOR NEOM

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Agencies & Al Mayadeen Net 16 Sep 2022 21:45

Human rights reports reveal that the reason a Saudi court sentenced last month two **HOWEITAT TRIBE MEMBERS TO 50 (5) YEARS IN PRISON** for **THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE FORCED EVICTION OF THEIR TRIBE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEOM PROJECT.**

The house of Abdul Rahim Al-Howeiti whom the authorities killed for refusing to be evicted from his home in favor of the NEOM project.

According to human rights reports, "a Saudi court sentenced, last month, [two people from the Howeitat tribe](#) to 50 years in prison," noting that the reason was "their opposition to the forced expulsion from their homes to implement the [NEOM project](#)."

ALQST human rights organization said that "the ruling was issued by the Specialized Criminal Court of Appeal against Abdulilah Al-Howeiti and Abdullah Dukhail Al-Howeiti, who expressed solidarity with their relatives who refused to leave their homes in areas that the authorities want to use for the project."

The ruling included a "travel ban on the two of them for 50 years," due to **THEIR REFUSAL OF THE FORCED EVICTION OF THEIR TRIBE MEMBERS FROM THEIR HOUSES IN THE TABUK AREA OF NORTHWEST SAUDI ARABIA.**

THE CITY, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED BY SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, COVERS AN AREA OF MORE THAN 26,500 SQUARE KILOMETERS AND EXTENDS FROM THE NORTHWEST OF THE KINGDOM in conjunction with Egyptian and Jordanian lands.

Who are Howeitat and what is their relationship to the NEOM project?

The Howeitat is an Arab tribe that spreads across a large area in northwestern Saudi Arabia and has many branches distributed in Jordan, Palestine, and Sinai.

PRESS REPORTS SAID THAT "THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO MOVE MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE FROM THE AREA TO BUILD THE NEW CITY," MOST OF WHOM ARE FROM THE HOWEITAT TRIBE.

The reports stated that "the residents of the area fear forced eviction" and say that "this means the dismemberment of an entire community."

Since the announcement of the project, there have been calls to confront the decision to evict the residents of the area by activists from the people of the region and people who stand in solidarity with them, especially through social media, but they are witnessing a ban by the security authorities.

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— مُستغرب (@ssr1575) [January 13, 2020](#)

According to Alya Al-Howeiti, a Howeitat tribe member who lives in London, some **MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE WERE ARRESTED AND THREATENED WITH DEATH IN 2020**

BECAUSE THEY DENOUNCED THE KILLING OF ABDUL RAHIM AL-HOWEITI, WHO REFUSED TO BE EVICTED FROM HIS HOME IN FAVOR OF THE [NEOM PROJECT](#).

This came as a report published in the French Le Monde talked about the "NEOM victims" and the suffering of the Howeitat tribe after the authorities' request to evacuate their historical lands for the benefit of the project. Bin Salman had announced that the first town in the NEOM Economic Zone would be ready in 2019 or 2020, with the entire region to be completed by 2025; however, the completion of any phase of the project has not yet been announced.

NEOM & THE LINE: MBS'S TRILLION-DOLLAR VISION OR BIGGEST MISTAKE?

<https://youtu.be/ppGfkjMkYB4>

NEOM: MBS' PERSONAL UTOPIA DYSTOPIA

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"When they drop down dead, I celebrate." Here is how MBS' Utopia turned into his personal dystopia by him making unrealistic demands for Neom and often changing his mind, which further slowed down the work pace.

Saudi Arabia: Neom workers speak of '16-hour work days' in ITV undercover film





By [Dania Akkad](#) Published date: 24 October 2024 15:58 BST | Last update: 1 week 1 day ago

Labourers are forced to work gruelling hours far beyond legal limits to construct the flagship project of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman's [Neom](#) megacity, according to a new ITV documentary.

One worker said that he regularly works 16-hour shifts, 14 days straight to build "The Line", the 170km straight-line city being constructed in northwestern [Saudi Arabia](#).

According to "[Kingdom Uncovered: Inside Saudi Arabia](#)", set to air this Sunday at 10:15pm, workers should only work 60 hours maximum, including overtime, each week under Saudi law.

But on top of the long shifts, workers told an undercover reporter that they must take an unpaid, three-hour bus commute to get to the desert site and back which leaves them with around four hours to sleep.

"We're made to work extremely hard. There is little time to rest. We get tired. We suffer from anxiety day and night," one worker said.

“Saudi doesn’t care much for citizens from other countries. We are treated like beggars.”

Undercover footage shot by the workers for the documentary offers some of the first unfiltered glimpses inside ***THE AMBITIOUS PROJECT THAT IS PART OF THE KINGDOM’S VISION 2030 STRATEGY*** to diversify its economy away from oil reliance.



Footage of construction underway at The Line shot undercover by workers this year (ITV)

Another worker, who filmed from inside the cage of a digger as he lifted piles of rocks and dirt, said employees “work non-stop”.

“We don’t get enough rest,” he said. “This lack of sleep has caused many accidents. There have been many. ***JUST LAST MONTH, THERE WERE FIVE (5) CASES.***”

Nicholas McGeehan, director at the UK-based human rights organisation FairSquare, said the working hours of the labourers at The Line were "way beyond what the international minimum standards permit".

"The reality is that workers all over Saudi Arabia are subject to deeply abusive and dangerous exploitation. The abuses are systematically happening across the country," McGeehan said.



Workers who are building The Line commuting in a crowded bus are captured in undercover footage (ITV)

MIGRANT WORKERS MAKE UP THREE QUARTERS OF SAUDI ARABIA'S WORKFORCE AND ARE CRITICAL FOR THE VISION 2030 PROJECTS.

BASED ON DATA RELEASED IN INDIA, BANGLADESH AND NEPAL, THE FILM REPORTS THAT 21,000 FOREIGN WORKERS FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES HAVE DIED SINCE VISION 2030 WAS LAUNCHED EIGHT YEARS AGO IN 2016.

Neom told the filmmakers that it was assessing the claims made in the documentary and would take appropriate action where it was required.

"We require all contractors and subcontractors to comply with Neom's Code of Conduct, based on the laws of Saudi Arabia and the policies of the International Labour Organization, and they are subject to frequent inspections of their workers' living and working conditions," the organisation said.

The Saudi government did not respond to requests for comment from the filmmakers.

Along with The Line, Neom is set to feature an eight-sided city that floats on water, a ski resort with a folded vertical village and a luxury island resort on the Red Sea, which is often promoted with [glossy, cinematic imagery](#).



Inside the construction of a tunnel at The Line (ITV)



However, the project has also been dogged by human rights concerns, including accusations that the Saudi government forcibly displaced members of the Howeitat tribe, who have lived in the Tabuk area for centuries, to make way for Neom. A former Saudi intelligence officer [told Middle East Eye](#) that Saudi security officers were ordered to use lethal force to kill residents who resisted eviction in early 2020.

Alqst, the UK-based human rights organisation, [has reported](#) that at least 47 members of the tribe have since been arrested or detained for refusing to leave, including five sentenced to death. Two executives have [spoken out publicly](#) over the treatment of the Howeitat and left the project over their concerns.

There also appear to be issues fulfilling the project's grand design. In April, Bloomberg [reported](#) that The Line, which had been due to house 1.5 million people by 2030, had been scaled back and is now expected to have fewer than 300,000 residents and only 2.4km out of 170km completed by then.

NEOM CITY | THE LINE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE 2024 | TRENDS IN THE WORLD

<https://youtu.be/wrqUnylhu9Y>

THE BOTTOMLESS PIT OF EVIL – HOUSE OF SAUD

Abdulaziz (Ibn Saud) (1902-53)

Saud (1953-64) Faisal (1964-75) Khalid (1975-82) Fahad (1982-2005) Abdullah (2005-15) Salman (2015-)

THE BEAST IS THE 8TH KING AND COMES FROM THE LINEAGE OF THE SEVEN (7) KINGS

MBS (b 1985)

7 Kings Of Saudi Arabia

7 HEADS = 7 MOUNTAINS OF NEOM BABYLON

NEOM: BOSSES AT SAUDI MEGACITY ACCUSED OF 'RACISM, MISOGYNY AND CORRUPTION'

One senior executive made racist remarks about South Asian workers and a Black female employee, according to a WSJ report



By [Rayhan Uddin](#) Published date: 11 September 2024 12:25 BST | Last update: 1 month 3 weeks ago

Senior executives leading [Saudi Arabia](#)'s Neom megacity project have been accused of racism, misogyny and corruption, according to a [report](#) in the Wall Street Journal published on Wednesday.

The \$500bn new Saudi megacity - which organisers claim will be 33 times the size of New York City - is planned to include a [170km](#) straight-line city, an [eight-sided city](#) that floats on water, and a [ski resort with a folded vertical village](#), amongst other grandiose projects.

Wayne Borg, Neom's Australian managing director in charge of media, has made several discriminatory and racist comments, the report revealed.

In one incident, after three workers on the project had died, ***BORG SAID: "A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE DIE SO WE'VE GOT TO HAVE A MEETING ON A SUNDAY NIGHT."***

He went on to call South Asian migrant workers at Neom "fucking morons", adding "that is why white people are at the top of the pecking order". The comments were made on a phone call, the audio of which was obtained by the WSJ.

In another conversation regarding the worker deaths, Borg said, "you can't train for stupidity" and "the white blokes are at the top of the tree".

One of the workers reportedly died due to a falling pipe, while a wall collapsed on another. The third worker died from mishandling explosives, according to current and former employees cited in the report.

In a separate incident, Borg was summoned by human resources after calling a Black female employee a "Black shit", according to former workers at Neom. Borg denied using the phrase.

In a message to the employee in question, Borg reportedly said "I miss you" and your "arse is better than Beyonce's", with kiss emojis, according to a summary of the employees' grievances.

In a meeting about the incident, Borg referred to "that fucking episode I had with that Black bitch" - a comment that was heard in an audio recording and published by the WSJ.

According to other audio clips, Borg referred to women from the Gulf as "transvestites" and made lewd jokes about Islam and sexual positions.

'I DRIVE EVERYBODY LIKE A SLAVE'

In a statement to the WSJ, Neom said it had a zero tolerance approach to inappropriate workplace behaviour, and would thoroughly investigate allegations of wrongdoing. A representative of Borg did not respond to a request for comment.

The report stated that other senior executives at Neom were accused of or investigated over a number of issues, including ***CORRUPTION AND EMBEZZLEMENT.***

One of those Neom executives, Antoni Vives, was convicted in 2021 by a Spanish court of corruption during a previous job in Barcelona's city hall. He had pleaded guilty to giving a friend a "no-show job" worth around \$165,000 over four years, and agreed to a two year suspended prison sentence.

Vives resigned from Neom but was convinced to return, according to former employees. ***THE SOURCES SAID THAT VIVES BUILT A BOND WITH SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID HE DID NOT CARE ABOUT VIVES' CRIMES AS LONG AS THEY WERE NOT COMMITTED IN SAUDI ARABIA.***

In another reported incident, Vives argued with a construction manager and the two men subsequently wrestled each other.

Vives is now being sought by Spanish prosecutors on separate corruption charges.

Prosecutors are seeking a six-year prison sentence over accusations of criminal conspiracy, fraud and perversion of justice. Vives did not respond to a request for comment.

NEOM'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, NADHMI AL-NASR, WHO HAS A REPUTATION OF BEING A DIFFICULT MANAGER, SAID IN ONE RECORDING OBTAINED BY THE WSJ: "I DRIVE EVERYBODY LIKE A SLAVE".

THE NEOM MEGACITY IS A CENTREPIECE OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN'S VISION 2030 STRATEGY TO MOVE THE GULF KINGDOM AWAY FROM OIL RELIANCE AND ENHANCE ITS REPUTATION ON THE GLOBAL STAGE.

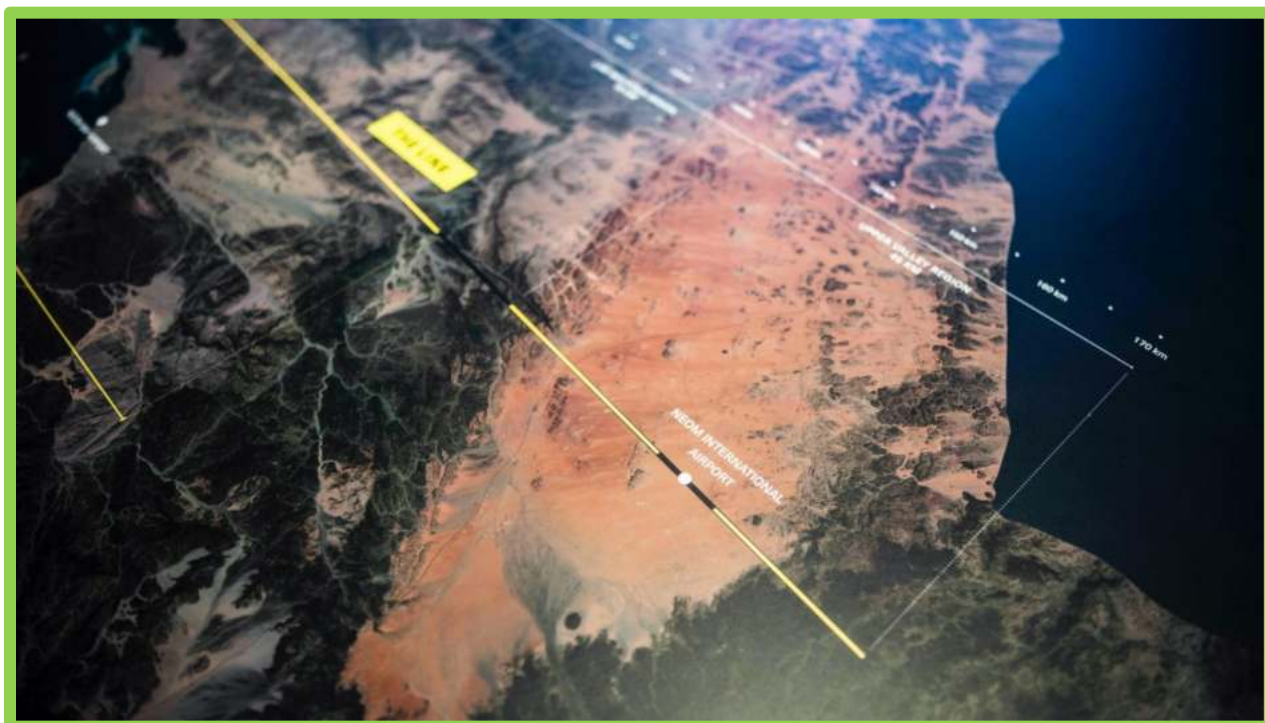
In May, ***MIDDLE EAST EYE*** [REPORTED](#) ***THAT SAUDI SECURITY OFFICERS WERE ORDERED TO USE LETHAL FORCE TO KILL PEOPLE WHO RESISTED EVICTION FROM AREAS EARMARKED FOR THE CITY, ACCORDING TO A FORMER SAUDI INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.***

The Saudi government has been accused of forcibly displacing members of the Howeitat tribe, who have lived for centuries in Tabuk, to make way for Neom.

NEARLY 50 (5) MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR DETAINED FOR RESISTING EVICTION, INCLUDING FIVE (5) WHO HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH, according to [a report](#) by the UK-based Alqst rights group.

NEOM: SAUDI ARABIA JAILS NEARLY 50 TRIBESPEOPLE FOR RESISTING DISPLACEMENT

New Alqst report details displacement and arrest of members of Howeitat tribe to make way for megacity



By [Rayhan Uddin](#)

Published date: 16 February 2023 17:47 GMT At least 47 members of the Howeitat tribe in [Saudi Arabia](#) have been either arrested or detained for resisting eviction to make way for the Neom megacity, according to a new report.

Human rights organisation, Alqst, [published](#) "The Dark Side of Neom" on Thursday, outlining the names of all those detained or disappeared for speaking out against the project, and detailing human rights abuses committed against evictees.

The \$500bn new Saudi megacity - which organisers claim will be 33 times the size of New York City - is planned to include a [170km](#) straight-line city, an [eight-sided city](#) that floats on water, and a [ski resort with a folded vertical village](#), among other grandiose and architecturally challenging projects.

The project is being built in the Tabuk province of northwestern Saudi Arabia, where the displaced Al-Howeitah tribe had, until recently, lived for centuries.

The report found that 15 members of the tribe had been sentenced to between 15 and 50 years in prison, while five were sentenced to death. A further 19 were detained with no further information on their fate, while eight were released.

The report notes a marked extension in jail sentences since mid-2022, ***COINCIDING WITH THE REHABILITATION OF SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, FOLLOWING YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE MURDER OF JOURNALIST JAMAL KHASHOGGI IN THE SAUDI CONSULATE IN ISTANBUL.***

"The correlation is clear," Lina al-Hathloul, head of monitoring and communications at Alqst told Middle East Eye during the launch of the report in London. ***"IT'S CLEAR THAT THE MORE [CROWN PRINCE] MBS IS REHABILITATED, THE WORSE THINGS GET"***.

Sentences extended

Abdulilah Rashid Ibrahim al-Huwaiti and Abdullah Dakhil Allah al-Huwaiti were both ***SENTENCED TO 50 (5) YEARS IN PRISON AND A 50 (5)-YEAR TRAVEL BAN FOR SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILY'S REFUSAL TO BE FORCIBLY EVICTED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEOM***, as MEE [reported](#) in September.

Maha Suleiman al-Qarani al-Huwaiti, the only known woman among those detained, was arrested in February 2021 for tweeting about the cost of living and mourning the death of Huwaiti.

She was initially sentenced to one year in prison, which was increased to three years on appeal. In August 2022, in violation of Saudi law, she was retried on the same charges and sentenced to 23 years in prison.

In April 2020, tribal activist Abdul-Rahim al-Howeiti was [shot dead](#) shortly after making videos protesting against his eviction to make way for the megacity.

Ahmed Abdel Nasser al-Huwaiti, nephew of Abdul-Rahim, was arrested in October 2020 for expressing sympathy for his uncle's death and "seeking to destabilise and disrupt the social fabric and national cohesion", according to the report.

He was **INITIALLY CHARGED WITH FIVE (5) YEARS IN PRISON**, which was increased to 21 years upon appeal.

Among the five known to be sentenced to death is Shadli Ahmed Mahmoud al-Huwaiti, brother of Abdul Rahim.

Shadli was initially forcibly disappeared for two months in late 2020, before being charged with “establishing a terrorist organisation to rebel against the ruler” and “creating a Twitter account to tear apart national cohesion”.

In May 2022, he went on a hunger strike after being placed in solitary confinement in Dhaban Prison and was then force-fed via a tube in his stomach.

“These harsh punishments inflicted on members of the Huwaitat tribe are part of a wider trend that began in the summer of 2022, of **INDIVIDUALS BEING SENTENCED TO LENGTHY PRISON TERMS - OF UP TO 50 (5) YEARS - SIMPLY FOR SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY CALLING FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REFORM,**” the report said.

It noted that **SAUDI AUTHORITIES HAD “DRAMATICALLY INCREASED” THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN 2022, COMPARED TO 2021, EXECUTING TWICE AS MANY PEOPLE.**

“These developments, taken together, **REPRESENT A SHARP DETERIORATION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION FOLLOWING THE NORMALISATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN,**” Alqst said.

Hathloul told MEE that following visits by former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and US President Joe Biden to Saudi Arabia last year, there was **"A MASS WAVE OF EXECUTIONS" AND "LENGTHY SENTENCES THAT WERE UNPRECEDENTED".**

"THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO HIDE IT, IT'S BEEN CLEAR TO THE PEOPLE: I HAVE A GREEN LIGHT TO REPRESS YOU. YOU ARE MUZZLED AND THE WORLD IS PROTECTING ME."

Evictions breach international law

The report lays out how authorities evicted residents, often against their will, in contravention of international law. In March 2020, authorities sent in special forces, sometimes 40 vehicles at a time, to raid the homes of those resisting eviction and intimidate them.

Saudi forces arrested 20 residents for coming to the defence of a kidnapped child, the report said. The minor was allegedly abducted by secret police after he wrote the slogan “We will not be moved” on walls. The report revealed that financial incentives of up to 100,000 riyals were offered to state-appointed tribal leaders on the condition that they publicly condemned Abdul-Rahim’s resistance to eviction.

Meanwhile, authorities rejected some locals' requests to be resettled in close proximity to their former homes, and instead offered 620,000 riyals in compensation to be rehoused further away. In reality, though, Alqst reported, recipients were offered as little as 17,000 riyals. Most evictees were forced to buy homes in poorer neighbourhoods in the Tabuk province because of the low compensation received, it added.

THE EXPROPRIATIONS OF HOMES CONTRAVENE THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CAIRO DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ISLAM, BOTH OF WHICH SAUDI ARABIA HAS RATIFIED, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT.

Alqst found that authorities acted in a discriminatory manner against tribespeople and did not respect due process, in violation of several international conventions. The report notes that several global companies have provided consultancy services and signed contract agreements with Neom, and therefore “bear a solemn corporate human rights responsibility”.

“ALQST calls on businesses involved in Neom to...reassess your involvement in the Neom project, and be prepared to cease your engagement, unless and until the adverse human rights impacts can be addressed,” it stated. Among the companies said to be involved in Neom are Boston Consulting Group, McKinsey & Co, Samsung, and Oliver Wyman.

The NUMBER OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN '666'

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NEOM'S LATEST CONSTRUCTION UPDATES REVEALED!

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THE DARK SIDE OF NEOM BABYLON



Publication date: 16/02/2023

["The Dark Side of Neom: Expropriation, expulsion and prosecution of the region's inhabitants"](#) details the vicious campaign against members of the Huwaitat tribe who objected to their forcible eviction in 2020 for construction of a futuristic megacity, Neom.

[READ THE FULL REPORT](#)

Executive summary

Neom, the futuristic megacity being built on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast, is the flagship project of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's Vision 2030, an

ambitious programme to diversify Saudi Arabia's economy and reduce its dependence on oil revenues. The Saudi authorities are seeking billions of dollars in foreign investment and technical expertise in order to develop Neom, yet in getting started on the project they have already committed a wide range of serious human rights abuses of which all potential partners, investors and consultants should be aware.

ALQST has made a detailed investigation into these violations, based on first-hand testimonies from victims and witnesses as well as open-source data. In this report, it presents its findings and urges businesses involved, or thinking of becoming involved, to look closely into their corporate responsibilities and avoid becoming complicit in the Saudi authorities' human rights abuses.

Despite official claims to the contrary, the area earmarked for the Neom project, totaling 26,500 km², is not unpopulated land – it has been inhabited for centuries, primarily by members of the Huwaitat tribe. In order to proceed with the construction of Neom, the Saudi authorities have committed a wide range of serious human rights abuses. ALQST's investigation has concluded that to realise this project, Saudi authorities have illegally displaced local tribes without adequate compensation or offering alternative housing, and violently cracked down on members of the tribe who peacefully opposed or resisted eviction. Since the notorious killing of local resident Abdul Rahim al-Huwaiti in a raid by special forces on his home in 2020, ALQST has documented the arbitrary arrests and unfair trials of other members of the tribe, several of whom have recently been sentenced to lengthy prison terms or even execution.

Much of the information in this report is new, and paints a deeply disturbing picture of the ongoing prosecution and punishment of dozens of members of the Huwaitat tribe for their peaceful opposition. ALQST has been able to verify the sentencing of 14 members of the tribe to date, including one woman, to prison terms of between 15 and 50 years. At least three more have been sentenced to death for peacefully resisting the forcible displacement of their tribe and speaking out against the injustices inflicted on them by the Saudi authorities.

FURTHERMORE, THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL LAND SEIZURES AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT GO WELL BEYOND THE NEOM MEGACITY PROJECT. THESE ARE LONGSTANDING PRACTICES OF THE SAUDI AUTHORITIES, AND WE ARE SEEING

SIMILAR EXPROPRIATIONS, WITH ACCOMPANYING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, TAKING PLACE ELSEWHERE IN THE KINGDOM, NOTABLY IN JEDDAH, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN'S VISION 2030.

THE SOARING FANTASY, THE HARSH REALITY: HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAUDI ARABIA IN 2023



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["The Soaring Fantasy, The Harsh Reality"](#), this year's in-depth annual report of ALQST for Human Rights, documents and discusses key human rights developments in 2023.

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Introduction

THE GLARING CONTRAST BETWEEN, ON THE ONE HAND, THE MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR, VIDEO-GAME-INSPIRED VANITY PROJECTS OF CROWN PRINCE

MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN AND, ON THE OTHER, THE GROWING NUMBERS OF SAUDI CITIZENS FLEEING THE KINGDOM IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM AND SAFETY, GROWS EVER MORE STARK.

IN 2023 THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP INTENSIFIED ITS EFFORTS TO CREATE THE NARRATIVE OF TECHNOLOGICALLY INNOVATIVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, AND TO PURSUE CONTROL, THROUGH SEVERAL AMBITIOUS PURCHASES, OF GLOBALLY POPULAR SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL AND GOLF. YET BEHIND THE GLITTERING PROJECTIONS OF CYBER-SMART CITIES, ENDLESS CARBON CAPTURE AND IMPROBABLE SKI RESORTS IN THE DESERT – SEEN BY OTHERS AS UNREALISTIC, ABSURD AND EVEN DYSTOPIAN – THE TRAMPLING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHOLESACLE REPRESSION OF THE SAUDI PEOPLE CONTINUED AS BEFORE.



Numerous activists and private individuals were arbitrarily arrested and slapped with jaw-droppingly severe jail sentences – and in one case the death penalty – for

peaceful social media activity. Many more were cruelly and arbitrarily banned from travelling outside the country. Women, despite vaunted reforms, remain second-class citizens.

THE RUTHLESS SILENCING OF INDEPENDENT VOICES, AND THE IMPOSSIBILITY FOR SAUDI CITIZENS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS AND PRIORITIES FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS, prompted ALQST, at its annual [Human Rights Day conference](#) in 2023, to look at the potential for Saudi activists working abroad to further the human rights agenda. Here, ALQST plays a vital role because of its almost unique ability both to gather and analyse information about conditions on the ground in Saudi Arabia and to convey the situation in all its harsh reality to the outside world. In this year’s Annual Report we have included examples of international media coverage where ALQST’s research has been an important, or even primary, source of trusted information.

In today’s challenging global situation, it is more important than ever for the international community – politicians, business leaders and respected figures in the world of sport and entertainment, as well as the general public – to take principled action wherever they can to champion human rights, and ***TO RESIST THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP’S EFFORTS TO WHITEWASH THEIR DEPLORABLE RECORD.***

THE SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: A WHITEWASHING TOOL OF THE KINGDOM



The graphic is a purple-bordered rectangle containing several elements. At the top left, there are logos for 'MENA Rights Group', 'ESOHR', and 'القسط ALQST'. In the center, there is a photograph of a woman in a black and white headscarf speaking at a podium. Below the photo, the text reads 'THE SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION' and 'A whitewashing tool of the Kingdom' with 'November 2023' written vertically. To the right of the photo, the title 'THE SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION' is written in large purple letters, followed by the subtitle 'A whitewashing tool of the Kingdom' in smaller grey letters. At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the text 'Scan me'.

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["The Saudi Human Rights Commission: a Whitewashing Tool of the Kingdom"](#), drafted by MENA Rights Group with the inputs of ALQST for Human Rights and the European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights, aims to critically analyse the SHRC's role in Saudi Arabia. It finds clear evidence pointing to the institution's alignment with the government's interests, and its exploitation as a tool to whitewash the Kingdom's egregious human rights record.

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Introduction

SAUDI ARABIA HAS LONG BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A PERSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THESE VIOLATIONS ENCOMPASS A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES, MANIFESTING IN BOTH LAW AND PRACTICE, RANGING FROM THE SEVERE REPRESSION OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY, AND ASSOCIATION, TO THE DISREGARD FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF DUE PROCESS AND FAIR TRIAL, AND THE PERSISTENT USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY. THIS ONGOING PATTERN HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENT NEED FOR REFORM, VIGOROUS OVERSIGHT AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.



THE PRINCE, BEAST, ANTICHRIST BEHEADS THE TRIBULATION SAINTS BY A SWORD WHO DON'T TAKE HIS VACCINATION MARK

<https://rumble.com/v565igq-the-prince-beast-antichrist-beheads-the-tribulation-saints-by-a-sword.html>

Since its establishment in 2005, the Saudi Human Rights Commission (SHRC) has, in principle, been responsible for promoting and protecting human rights in the country. The SHRC is mandated to undertake a number of human rights-related tasks, including addressing human rights complaints, engaging in legislative work, and monitoring detention facilities. In theory, it stands as an independent entity, capable of holding the government accountable and advancing human rights on the ground.

However, the effectiveness of the SHRC in fulfilling this essential role should be questioned, both in theory and practice. As a general rule, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) seek accreditation from the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), a step greatly encouraged by UN human rights bodies. As part of their accreditation process, these institutions are assessed according to international standards adopted by the UN General Assembly, commonly referred to as the Paris Principles. However, the SHRC has never sought accreditation from the GANHRI, and its independence and effectiveness have never been assessed on an international level.

This comprehensive report aims to critically analyse the SHRC's role in Saudi Arabia. ***IT FINDS CLEAR EVIDENCE POINTING TO THE INSTITUTION'S ALIGNMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERESTS, AND ITS EXPLOITATION AS A TOOL TO WHITEWASH THE KINGDOM'S EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.*** By examining its legal framework, composition, partnerships and actions, the report provides a comprehensive analysis of the SHRC's independence and effectiveness in promoting and protecting human rights.

The content of this report is founded upon a combination of open-source information and testimonies of victims of human rights abuses gathered by the report's co-authors. The report was drafted by MENA Rights Group with the inputs of ALQST for Human Rights and the European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights, as well as with the contribution of Reprieve.

SAUDI ARABIA EXECUTES 213 PEOPLE IN LESS THAN 10 MONTHS, SETTING NEW RECORD

Riyadh is among the candidates for membership of the UN Human Rights Council, with rights groups arguing that it is 'unqualified'



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[SAUDI ARABIA](#) HAS EXECUTED 213 PEOPLE SO FAR IN 2024, MORE THAN IT HAS IN ANY OTHER CALENDAR YEAR ON RECORD, as the kingdom competes for a seat at the [UN Human Rights Council](#) (HRC).

According to the **LONDON-BASED RIGHTS GROUP REPRIEVE, WHICH DOCUMENTS THE DEATH PENALTY WORLDWIDE, THE LARGEST RECORDED FIGURE PRIOR TO THIS YEAR WAS 196 IN 2022, FOLLOWED BY 184 IN 2019.**



“As the world's attention fixates on horror elsewhere in the Middle East, **SAUDI ARABIA IS CLEARING DEATH ROW WITH A BLOODBATH,**” Reprieve’s deputy director, Harriet McCulloch, told MEE.

“THE KINGDOM SMASHED ITS OWN GRIM RECORD FOR MOST PEOPLE EXECUTED IN A YEAR IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2024,” SHE ADDED. “WITH 213

EXECUTIONS AND COUNTING, DEATH ROW PRISONERS ARE AT GREATER RISK THAN EVER BEFORE, THEIR FAMILIES DESPERATELY AWAITING NEWS OF THEIR FATE IN THE NEWS."

THE EXECUTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF CROWN PRINCE MOHAMED BIN SALMAN, THE KINGDOM'S PRIME MINISTER AND DE FACTO LEADER, WHO PLEDGED IN A [2018 INTERVIEW](#) TO MINIMISE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.



YET, SAUDI ARABIA REMAINS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PROLIFIC EXECUTIONERS. AT LEAST 1,115 EXECUTIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN'S RULE BETWEEN 21 JUNE 2017 AND 9 OCTOBER 2024, A SPOKESPERSON FOR REPRIEVE TOLD MIDDLE EAST EYE.

In 2023, [a joint report by the European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights \(ESOHR\) and Reprive](#) revealed that **RIYADH'S EXECUTION RATE HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE KING SALMAN AND HIS SON, MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, CAME TO POWER IN 2015.**

Between 2015 and 2022, executions surged by 82 percent.

'Poor record'

On Wednesday, the HRC is due to hold elections for its 2025-2027 term, and Saudi Arabia is amongst the 19 candidates.

“Today, UN member states should vote no - no to Saudi Arabia securing a seat on the council, and no to rising executions carried out with impunity,” McCulloch said.

The HRC is the main intergovernmental body within the UN with the mandate to strengthen the protection and promotion of human rights around the world.

Human rights activists have [denounced](#) Riyadh’s candidacy as contradicting the council’s raison d’être.

The criteria for electing its member countries include a requirement for members to “uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of human rights” and to “fully cooperate with the Council.”

UN Watch, an organisation that monitors the UN’s performance against its own charter, has spearheaded calls for the reform of the HRC’s election system, which allows for states with a poor human rights record to become members.

TWO-THIRDS (66.6%) OF THE COUNCIL’S MEMBERS ARE NON-DEMOCRACIES. On Tuesday, UN WATCH SAID SAUDI ARABIA WAS “UNQUALIFIED” FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.



Additionally, **ACCORDING TO REPRIEVE, SAUDI ARABIA HAS REPEATEDLY LIED TO THE UN ABOUT ITS USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY.**



On Wednesday, it told the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women that it only uses the death penalty for the most serious crimes, and that its juvenile law seeks to negate the death penalty for minors.

THIS CONTRADICTS THE KINGDOM'S TRACK RECORD OF ISSUING DEATH PENALTIES FOR THOSE FACING ALLEGATIONS OF CRIMES COMMITTED UNDER THE AGE OF 18.

Three clients of Reprieve and the ESOHR, Abdullah al-Derazi, Youssef al-Manasif and Abdullah al-Howaiti, were convicted based on ***CONFESSIONS MADE UNDER TORTURE OVER ALLEGED CRIMES COMMITTED UNDER THE AGE OF 18.***

THE OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY IN THE KINGDOM, THE SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, ALSO FALSELY CLAIMED that child defendant Mustafa al-Darwish, who was sentenced to death for protest-related offences, was over 19 at the time of the crimes. But Reprieve and ESOHR provided evidence that proved he was in fact under 18. Darwish was executed on 15 June 2021 despite the evidence.

'There have been (7) many (a)ntichrists, THE (A)ntichrist is already here.'

'The WISE (7) SHALL UNDERSTAND. It is 'white and BL(A)CK.'



"ITS BLACK AND WHITE", "YOU DECIDE"

WHO ARE THE TRIBULATION SAINTS

IT'S ESTABLISHED BY GOD
THAT MBS IS THE BEAST

"And for that the dream was doubled
unto Pharaoh twice; it is because
the thing is established by God,
and God will shortly bring it to pass."

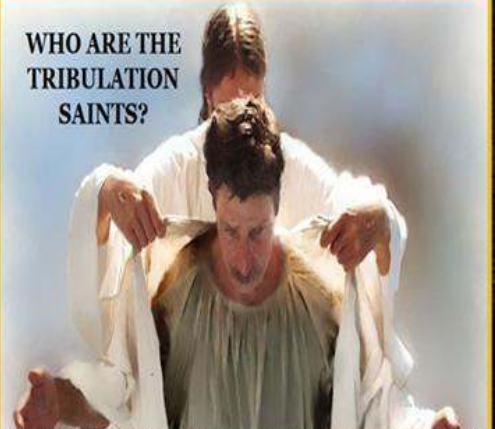
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666 TO "THE NUMBER
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WHO ARE THE
TRIBULATION
SAINTS?



And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Rev. 20:4

Revelation 20:4 The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years

*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the **SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN 'BEHEADED FOR THEIR WITNESS TO JESUS AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD**, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

I HAVE BEEN PROPHEYSYING FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS THAT 'MBS' (MAN-BY-SATAN) IS THE PRINCE, BEAST, ANTICHRIST WHOM IS REFERRED TO IN THE BIBLE'S BOOK OF REVELATION (LAST BOOK IN THE NEW TESTAMENT). My intent is not to scare or alarm you, but to REVEAL that the 'Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse' (Revealing) are about to ride.

All the while, the **REPRESSION OF SAUDI DISSIDENTS - - CONTINUES BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND ABROAD. A REPORT LAST YEAR FOUND THAT 66.6% OF THE PEOPLE INTERVIEWED WITH PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL TIES TO SAUDI ARABIA HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ACTS OF REPRESSION ON US SOIL.**

SEVEN-FOLD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRIBULATION SAINTS (MARTYRS):

1. . . . “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar **THE SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE SLAIN FOR THE WORD OF GOD, AND FOR THE TESTIMONY WHICH THEY HELD:** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and **AVENGE OUR BLOOD ON THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH?** And white robes were given unto every one of them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.” (Rev. 6:9-11).
2. . . . “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and **THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO DEATH.**” (Rev. 12:11).
3. . . . “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and **CAUSE THAT AS MANY AS WOULD NOT WORSHIP THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST SHOULD BE KILLED.**” (Rev. 13:15).
4. . . . “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH:** Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.” (Rev. 14:12-13).
5. . . . “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **THEM THAT HAD GOTTEN THE VICTORY OVER THE BEAST, AND OVER HIS IMAGE, AND OVER HIS MARK, AND OVER THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME,** having the harps of God.” (Rev. 15:2).
6. . . . “For true and righteous are his judgements: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath **AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS AT HER HAND.**” (Rev. 19:2).
7. . . . “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw **SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE BEHEADED FOR THE WITNESS OF JESUS, AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD,** and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4).



Commentary: The Bible makes it abundantly clear that the Tribulation Saints are those people that become Christians during the period of the antichrist's reign on earth, over the seven (7) year period. How do they become Saints in the eyes of Christ? They believe in and accept Christ as their Savior and for the forgiveness of their sins. They do NOT take the mark of the beast or the antichrist. They do NOT worship the beast/antichrist. They do NOT worship his image. They DO witness to the word of God and Jesus. **THEY ARE MARTYRED BY BEHEADING FOR BELIEVING IN JESUS AND WITNESSING FOR HIM.** They DO share in many of blessings and rewards that are also awarded to Christians from the Church Age (at the Rapture/Harpazo and Bema Seat Judgement). There is a very clear distinction between Christians redeemed by Christ prior to the Tribulation period, and those Christians redeemed during the Tribulation period. It is clear that they have to come to a saving grace knowledge of Jesus Christ, withstood the best efforts of Satan/Antichrist/ False Prophet to thwart their salvation, and **ARE BEHEADED FOR THEIR BELIEF AND WITNESSING IN JESUS CHRIST.**



THE 5th SEAL & THE PERSECUTION TO COME

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TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION INCLUDES DENIALS OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS, SURVEILLANCE, AND PHYSICAL INTIMIDATION

MANY OF THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WHO THEMSELVES ARE DISSIDENTS AND HAVE IMPRISONED RELATIVES AT HOME IN SAUDI ARABIA. THE CONFERENCE LARGELY FOCUSED ON THE MOST PERTINENT ISSUES FACING THE ONGOING REPRESSION OF ACTIVISTS AND CRITICS INSIDE SAUDI ARABIA. "PART OF WHAT THE DICTATORS OF THE PAST AND THOSE IN THE PRESENT DO IS THEY TIGHTEN THEIR GRIP ON SOCIETY, THINKING THAT THEY CAN SILENCE YOU, INTIMIDATE YOU, AND STOP YOU FROM ORGANISING," Alaoudh said. The end goal of a democratic Saudi Arabia is achieved, "we will solve everything else, **INCLUDING ARRESTS, CIVIL SOCIETY CRACKDOWNS, AND ALL OF THESE TECHNIQUES THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON SINCE MBS CAME TO POWER**".

SAUDI ARABIA PUTS SEVEN MEN TO DEATH IN LARGEST EXECUTION IN YEARS, PUNISHING ACTIVISTS AND PROTESTERS UNDER GUISE OF TERRORISM

Seven [Saudi](#) men were executed on Tuesday, the highest number put to death in one day since [81 were killed in March 2022](#).

MbS has now executed 31 people this year, after putting at least 172 people to death in 2023, rights groups monitoring executions in Saudi Arabia [have said](#). These men were tried, convicted, sentenced and executed in complete secrecy. Those executed in 2024 include 10 men convicted of terrorism charges by the SCC, which has [been criticised](#) for punishing activists and protesters.

The official announcement lists **EXECUTIONS AS TERRORISM CASES, THAT DEFINITION HAS BEEN USED TO INCLUDE CHILDREN WHO JOINED PROTESTS, CRITICS OF THE REGIME AND PEOPLE WHO MERELY DISAGREED PUBLICLY WITH MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN**. It is the highest number of people put to death in the kingdom since March 2022, a year in which the kingdom carried out more executions than any other country besides China and Iran, according to Amnesty International.

SAUDI AUTHORITIES ARE EXECUTING PRISONERS EN MASSE AGAIN, CLOSE TO THE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORST MASS EXECUTION IN THE KINGDOM'S HISTORY. Everyone involved should know that just by being in Saudi Arabia and **TURNING A BLIND EYE TO MASS EXECUTIONS, THEY ARE MAKING FURTHER KILLINGS MORE LIKELY AND OFFERING INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY TO A DEEPLY REPRESSIVE REGIME.**

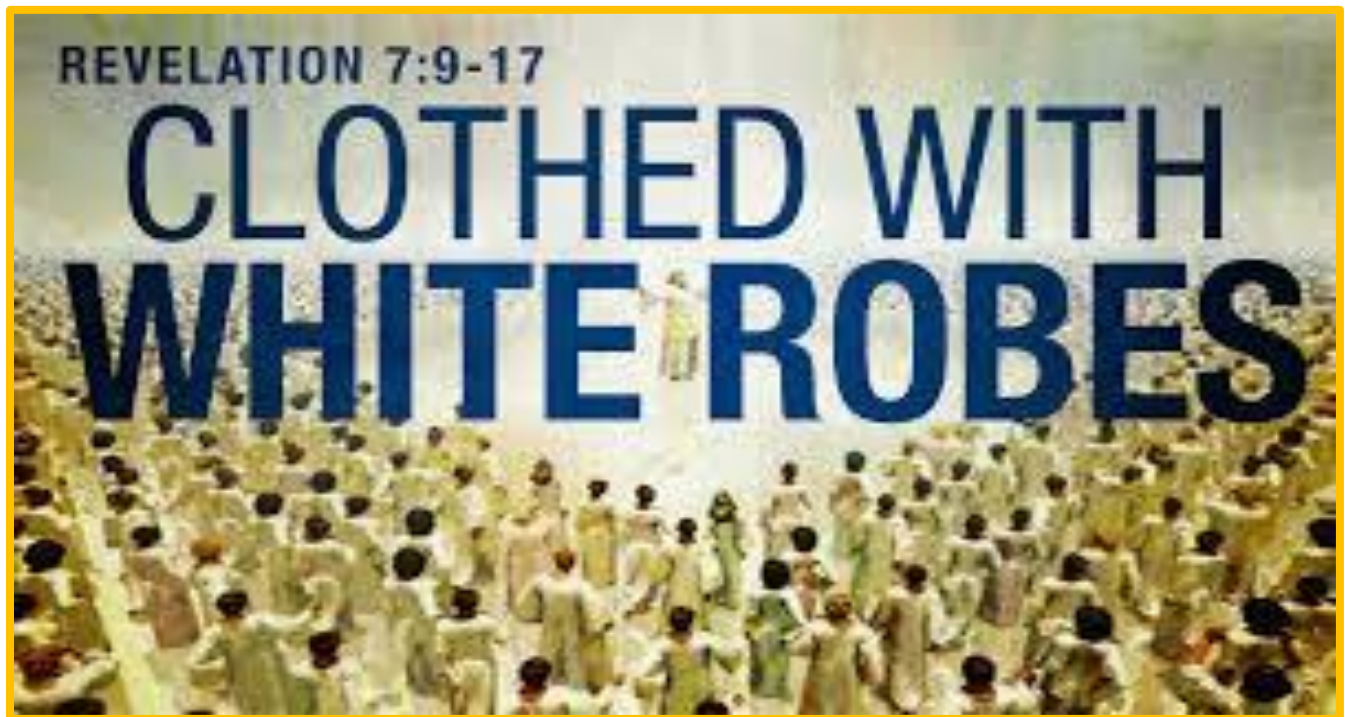


SEVEN-FOLD REFERENCE OF WHITE RAIMENT/ROBES/LINEN TO RIGHTEOUSNESS:

1. . . . “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall **WALK WITH ME IN WHITE; FOR THEY ARE WORTHY.** He that overcometh, the same shall be **CLOTHED IN WHITE RAIMENT** and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.” (Rev. 3:4-5).
2. . . . “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and **WHITE RAIMENT, THAT THOU MAYEST BE CLOTHED,** and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” (Rev. 3:18).

3. . . . “And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, **CLOTHED IN WHITE RAIMENT**; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.” (Rev. 4:4)
4. . . . : “And **WHITE ROBES WERE GIVEN UNTO EVERY ONE OF THEM**; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that sould be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.” (Rev. 6:11).
5. . . .” After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, **CLOTHED WITH WHITE ROBES**, and palms in their hands; . . . And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are **THESE WHICH ARE ARRAYED IN WHITE ROBES?** And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **THESE ARE THEY WHICH CAME OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION, AND HAVE WASHED THEIR ROBES, AND MADE THEM WHITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.**” (Rev. 7:9, 13, 14).
6. . . . “And the **SEVEN ANGELS** came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, **CLOTHED IN PURE AND WHITE LINEN**, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.” (Rev. 15:6).
7. . . . “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And **TO HER WAS GRANTED THAT SHE SHOULD BE ARRAYED IN FINE LINEN, CLEAN AND WHITE FOR THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF SAINTS.**” (Rev. 19:7-8).

Commentary: In John’s Revelation of Jesus Christ, **WHITE RAIMENT, LINENS OR ROBES ARE USED AS METAPHORS FOR HAVING, AND DESCRIBING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST**. Who are these people that are described as having white raiment, linens or robes? Rev. 3:4-5 indicates that they are overcomers (those who remain faithful to Christ until the end of their lives). Rev. 4:4 indicates that they are the 24 crowned elders around the throne of God. These crowned elders represent a select group of redeemed saints from throughout the ages (they are not angels) and are part of God’s divine council of government. The number twenty-four (24) denotes God’s abundant (doubled) organizational arrangement (12x2).



https://www.youtube.com/shorts/sdEBsm_54Qc

The verses surrounding Rev. 6:11 indicate that these **PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED WHITE ROBES** and were told to wait a little longer **ARE THE "TRIBULATION SAINTS MARTYRED/BEHEADED FOR THEIR BELIEF AND WITNESS TO CHRIST."**



WHITE LINEN IS FOR ANGELS. (Rev. 15:6) indicates these are the “righteous seven angels who pour out God’s wrath in the seven last vial plagues.” **WHITE LINEN IS FOR CHURCH AGE SAINTS.** (Rev. 19:7-8) clearly indicates this group of people is the “Bride (church) of the Lamb”, which his redeemed people from the past, present and near future (until the Tribulation). **THE 24 ELDERS ARE DESCRIBED AS HAVING WHITE RAIMENT AND CROWNS OF GOLD.**



'AN UNPRECEDENTED GATHERING': SAUDI ACTIVISTS UNITE IN US TO DISCUSS ENDING KINGDOM'S AUTOCRACY

Saudi dissidents and activists from all over the diaspora came together for an in-person conference to discuss the elusive prospects of a representative government in [Saudi Arabia](#) chosen by its citizens. The Quest for Democracy in Saudi Arabia conference is the culmination of a year-long organising effort by several organisations under the banner of the "People's Vision", with the goal of setting a path toward ending authoritarian rule in the country.

"It is an unprecedented gathering of experts, activists, policymakers, international organisations, and think tank stakeholders. All in order to discuss one topic: authoritarianism in Saudi Arabia," said the director for countering authoritarianism at the Middle East Democracy Center in Washington DC, and an organiser of the conference. "This gathering helps to assure a new phase of our work on countering the authoritarian practices of the Saudi government." The launch of the "People's Vision", an initiative and set of policy reforms created by Saudi activists, academics and intellectuals, **ADDRESSED A RESPONSE TO THE VISION 2030 AGENDA PUT FORWARD BY SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN.**

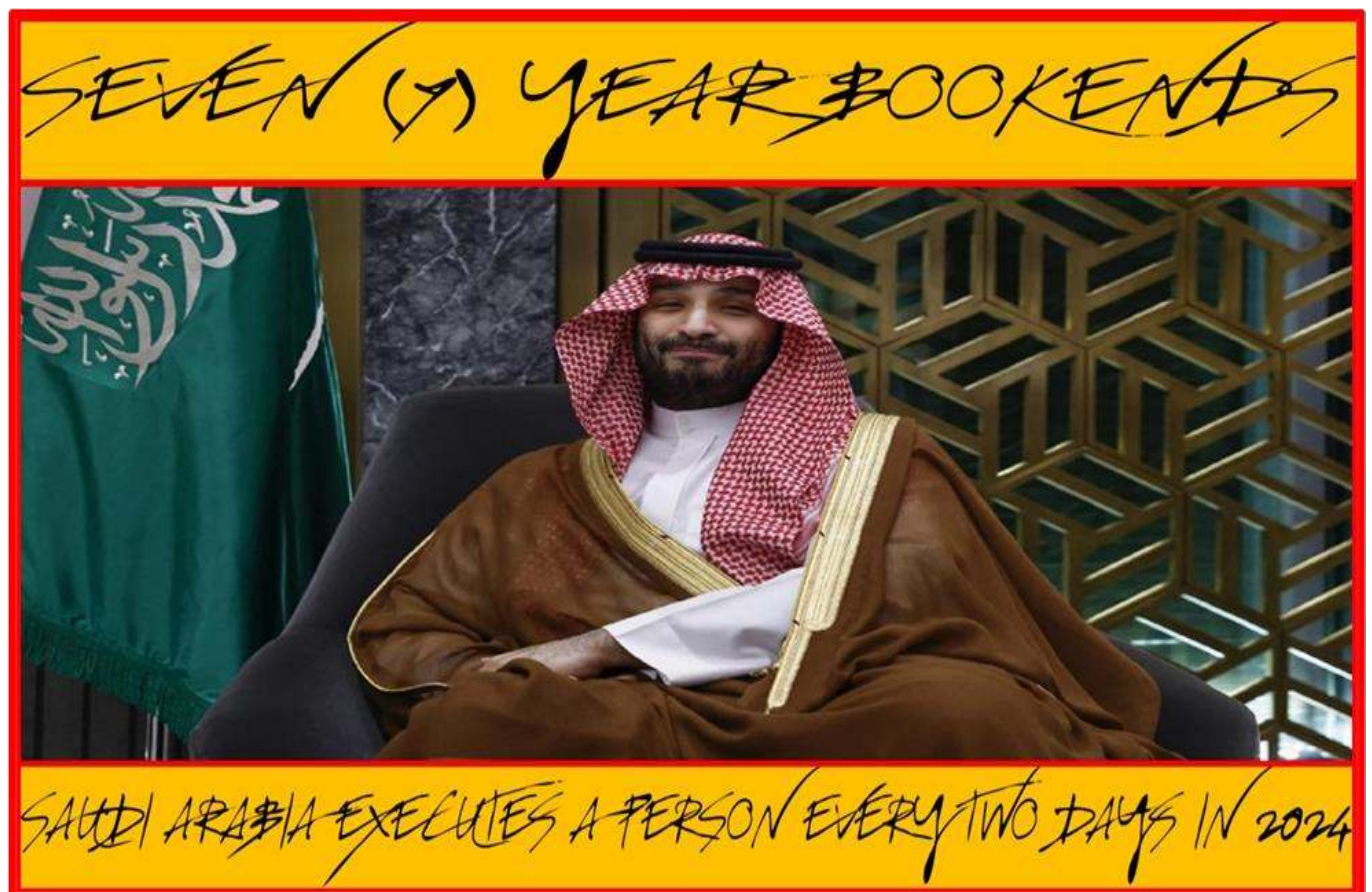
We're gathered with more and more Saudi activists and people who are fed up with the government's policies, or those who have fled the country and they don't consider themselves as dissidents, but who want to change the country for the better. **THESE PAINS AND SUFFERINGS WILL CONTINUE**, but we will not stop here. Outside of the in-person attendees, more than 59,000 people tuned into the conference's live stream. "The diverse attendance here shows that we are broadening our coalition in order to push for the agenda of the people's vision for Saudi Arabia, which includes democracy, human rights, and basic liberties. **SAUDI CRACKDOWN. SINCE COMING TO POWER IN 2017, CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HAS LAUNCHED A CRACKDOWN ON POLITICAL DISSIDENTS, HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, AND CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT.**

BEASTLY NUMBERS: DEATH PENALTY ROSE OVER 50% (5) IN SAUDIA ARABIA UNDER MOHAMED BIN SALMAN

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LARGEST MASS EXECUTION IN RECENT MEMORY: SAUDI ARABIA EXECUTES 81 MEN IN ONE DAY

<https://youtu.be/XLzsjNdfn3w>



SAUDI ARABIA: 34 EGYPTIANS AMONG DOZENS FACING EXECUTION

AT LEAST 50 (5) PEOPLE FACE THE DEATH PENALTY for drug offences in Tabuk prison, with many tortured while on death row, says a rights group



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman arrives at the Future Investment Initiative (FII) conference in Riyadh on 24 October 2018 (AFP/File photo)

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Dozens of prisoners in [Saudi Arabia](#) are facing the death penalty for drug offences, as ***RIGHTS GROUPS WARN OF A SURGE IN EXECUTIONS DESPITE AUTHORITIES' PLEDGES TO STOP THE PUNISHMENT.***

The European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights (ESOHR) said on Thursday that there has been a sharp increase in the use of the death penalty between May and August, with executions reaching 30 by 22 August.

In Tabuk General Prison alone, at least 50 people are facing execution. According to ESOHR, 34 Egyptians are among those sentenced to death in the prison, along with other foreigners, including Jordanians and Syrians. Two Egyptian nationals, Walid al-Baqi and Youssef Khudair, were executed on 13 August on charges of smuggling marijuana and amphetamines, the rights group said.

ESOHR also documented abuses faced by Egyptians on death row in Tabuk prison, including a lack from the Egyptian embassy in the kingdom, denial of their right to adequate defence, failure to appoint lawyers for them and instances of torture and ill-treatment.

Between 2020 and 2022, Saudi Arabia halted executions for drug offences. However, they resumed in December 2022, provoking an outcry from campaigners.

THE KINGDOM HAS EXECUTED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN RECENT YEARS FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES, INCLUDING POLITICAL DISSENT.

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DESPITE THE CROWN PRINCE'S PLEDGE IN A [2018 INTERVIEW](#) TO MINIMISE EXECUTIONS, SAUDI ARABIA REMAINS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PROLIFIC EXECUTIONERS.



Reprieve is a charitable organisation registered in the United Kingdom (No. 1114900) with special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (“ECOSOC”) that provides free legal and investigative support to those who have been subjected to state-sponsored human rights abuses. Reprieve’s clients belong to some of the most vulnerable populations in the world. In particular, Reprieve protects the rights of those facing the death penalty and delivers justice to victims of arbitrary detention, torture, and extrajudicial execution. European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights (“ESOHR”) is a non-profit organisation established by a group of activists aiming to strengthen commitment to human rights principles in Saudi Arabia. ESOHR’s vision is to expand the area of human rights in all fields, by working to urge the legislature and executive to uphold human rights, to raise awareness and to empower citizens through education.

By Lina al-Hathloul The death penalty and its application have caused much ink to flow. While only total abolition of the death penalty will fully protect the basic human right to life, international law is clear that where countries retain the death penalty, its use is only permitted for the most serious crimes and following due process in a transparent environment. As this report explains in detail, Saudi Arabia falls woefully short of these standards. Saudi Arabia’s use of the death penalty is as opaque as it is extensive.

The investigative work that Reprieve and ESOHR carry out in monitoring and recording executions in Saudi Arabia is crucial, both in exposing the reality on the ground and in countering the authorities’ claims of unrealised reforms. Documentation is the first and most important step in identifying patterns of violations, establishing robust means of ensuring that violations do not reoccur, and building the basis of evidence that can be used when engaging with accountability mechanisms, national and international, in the future.

Unfortunately, I personally know the importance of documenting violations, gathering evidence, and having to examine and clarify patterns of violations far too well. In 2018, while Saudi Arabia was undergoing profound changes, and while the authorities were touting narratives of reform regarding human rights, especially women’s rights, my sister ***LOUJAIN AL-HATHLOUL, A PROMINENT SAUDI WOMEN’S RIGHTS ACTIVIST, WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE SAUDI AUTHORITIES. SHE WAS FORCIBLY DISAPPEARED FOR WEEKS, BRUTALLY TORTURED AND DEFAMED. HER***

ACTIVISM WAS CONSIDERED A CRIME, AND SHE WAS SENTENCED UNDER SAUDI ARABIA'S DRACONIAN ANTI-TERRORISM LAW.

SAUDI ARABIA'S NOTORIOUSLY UNJUST JUDICIAL SYSTEM MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR VICTIMS OF THE REGIME TO MOUNT A MEANINGFUL LEGAL DEFENCE. JUDICIAL DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, COURT DOCUMENTS ARE FORBIDDEN FROM BEING PUBLISHED, CHARGES ARE ILLEGALLY CHANGED, AND COURT SESSIONS ARE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED, TO NAME A FEW EXAMPLES. But one thing can help victims of abuse perpetrated by the Saudi authorities: to gather all the relevant documents, all the numbers, and all the available details from the case. These will prove invaluable in efforts to achieve justice.

This report does exactly that: it presents data, analyses patterns of violations, and explicitly addresses how these violations illustrate the Saudi authorities' empty promises. One shocking example, among many others, is the information about the use of the death penalty against child defendants. According to Reprieve and ESOHR's monitoring, between 2010 and 2021 there were **15 (5+5+5) RECORDED EXECUTIONS OF CHILD DEFENDANTS.**

The cases documented by Reprieve and ESOHR allow us to develop a comprehensive understanding of the use and implementation of the death penalty in Saudi Arabia. **THE DATA DEMONSTRATES THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS INCREASINGLY USED THE DEATH PENALTY SINCE CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN ROSE TO POWER FROM 2015, AND THAT ITS USE IS MARRED BY DISCRIMINATION, INJUSTICE, MISREPRESENTATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.**

The report comes at a critical time. It is of the utmost importance to re-focus the spotlight on the issue of the death penalty in Saudi Arabia, especially given that **81 PEOPLE WERE EXECUTED ON 12 MARCH 2022, THE LARGEST MASS EXECUTION IN THE MODERN HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY.** It is imperative to continue to document the situation, to campaign in a strong and consistent manner, and to urge the Saudi authorities and the international community to implement the recommendations set out in this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SAUDI ARABIA IS A FLAGRANT ABUSER OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE. BETWEEN 2010 AND 2021, SAUDI ARABIA EXECUTED AT LEAST 1243 PEOPLE, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST RAMPANT EXECUTIONERS IN THE WORLD. AS OF DECEMBER 2022, THE SAUDI REGIME HAD EXECUTED AT LEAST A FURTHER 147 PEOPLE IN 2022, INCLUDING 81 PEOPLE IN ONE DAY IN A MASS EXECUTION ON 12 MARCH 2022.

SAUDI ARABIA'S USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY HAS DRASTICALLY INCREASED SINCE 2015. THIS ESCALATION HAS TAKEN PLACE ON THE WATCH OF SAUDI ARABIA'S KING SALMAN, WHO ACCEDED THE THRONE ON 23 JANUARY 2015, AND HIS SON, CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN. THE ANNUAL RATE OF EXECUTIONS HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE KING SALMAN AND MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN CAME TO POWER IN 2015. From 2010-2014 there was an average of 70.8 executions per year. From 2015-2022 there was an average of 129.5 executions per year – a rise of 82%. **THE SIX BLOODIEST YEARS OF EXECUTIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA'S RECENT HISTORY HAVE ALL OCCURRED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN AND KING SALMAN (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 AND 2022).**

Based on data collated by Reprieve and the European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights (“ESOHR”), **THIS REPORT EXPOSES SAUDI ARABIA'S WORST ABUSES OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE, IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS VOLUNTARILY RATIFIED.** The report finds multiple egregious human rights violations resulting from the continued use of the death penalty against child defendants, women and foreign nationals and for non-lethal offences.

The report shows that **SAUDI ARABIA'S APPLICATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IS RIDDLED WITH DISCRIMINATION AND INJUSTICE, AND THAT THE SAUDI REGIME HAS BEEN LYING TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ABOUT ITS USE. SAUDI ARABIA STILL REGULARLY EXECUTES CHILD DEFENDANTS AND SENTENCES CHILD DEFENDANTS TO DEATH, DESPITE PROCLAIMING INTERNATIONALLY THAT IT HAS ENDED THIS PRACTICE. SAUDI ARABIA DISPROPORTIONATELY EXECUTES FOREIGN NATIONALS,** including high numbers of female domestic workers and low-level drug offenders. A claimed moratorium on executions for drug offences has been nullified by the resumption of executions for drug offences in November 2022. The death penalty is routinely used for non-lethal offences and **TO SILENCE DISSIDENTS AND PROTESTORS, DESPITE PROMISES BY THE CROWN PRINCE THAT EXECUTIONS**

WOULD ONLY BE USED FOR MURDER. Fair trial violations and torture are endemic in death penalty cases, including torture of child defendants.



[Revelation 20:4](#)

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

[Revelation 13:17](#)

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or **THE NAME OF THE BEAST, OR THE NUMBER OF HIS NAME.**

[Revelation 13:18](#)

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath **UNDERSTANDING COUNT THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST: FOR IT IS THE NUMBER OF A MAN; AND HIS NUMBER IS SIX HUNDRED THREESCORE AND SIX [666].**

The NUMBER OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN '666'

PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN

Primes
666
9

(23 letters, 4 words)

"PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN" = **666** (Primes)

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SAUDI ARABIA'S EXECUTIONS ARE SHROUDED IN SECRECY. The regime refuses to publish its death penalty data, despite the repeated exhortations of the United Nations (“UN”), and fails to notify families of executions or return bodies. **THIS LACK OF TRANSPARENCY ENABLES SAUDI ARABIA TO COVER UP ITS ABUSES AND IMPEDES OTHER STATES AND ORGANISATIONS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HOLD IT TO ACCOUNT.**

The report finds that Saudi Arabia deploys discretionary death sentences in a high proportion of cases, especially in relation to non-lethal offences, but also in relation to serious offences including murder. Discretionary sentences are used for offences that have not been codified and when the legal, procedural and evidential requirements for a mandatory sentence were not met. The UN has made clear that discretionary imposition of the death penalty for uncodified offences is arbitrary and unlawful.

SIX (6) KEY STATISTICS

1. ► *The annual rate of executions has almost doubled since King Salman and Mohammed bin Salman came to power in 2015. From 2010-2014 there was an average of 70.8 executions per year. From 2015-2022 there was an average of 129.5 executions per year – a rise of 82%.*
2. ► **THE SIX BLOODIEST YEARS OF EXECUTIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA'S RECENT HISTORY HAVE ALL OCCURRED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN AND KING SALMAN (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 AND 2022).**
3. ► *At least 15 child defendants have been executed since 2013, despite Saudi Arabia's repeated claims that it does not apply the death penalty to children.*
4. ► *From 2010 to 2021, Saudi Arabia executed nearly 3 times as many foreign nationals for drug-related offences as Saudi nationals, despite foreign nationals comprising only 36% of Saudi Arabia's population.*
5. ► *From 2010 to 2021, 31 women were executed. Of those, 23 were foreign nationals, of whom at least 13 were domestic workers.*
6. ► *From 2010 to 2021, 94% of executions for non-lethal offences followed discretionary death sentences.*

The report recommends full abolition of the death penalty in Saudi Arabia; immediate and impartial investigation of all executions carried out since 2010 in breach of the right to life; and publication of all death penalty data, as well as

specific recommendations concerning the violations identified in the report. The international community is urged to act to prevent further abuses and to continue to push Saudi Arabia towards abolition.

THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (“SAUDI ARABIA”) IS ONE OF THE WORLD’S LEADING EXECUTIONERS.1 NEW DATA ANALYSIS BY REPRIEVE AND THE EUROPEAN SAUDI ORGANISATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (“ESOHR”) REVEALS A LEGACY OF DISCRIMINATION, INJUSTICE, MISREPRESENTATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA’S USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY FROM 2010 TO 2021. DURING THIS PERIOD, SAUDI ARABIA EXECUTED AT LEAST 1243 INDIVIDUALS.

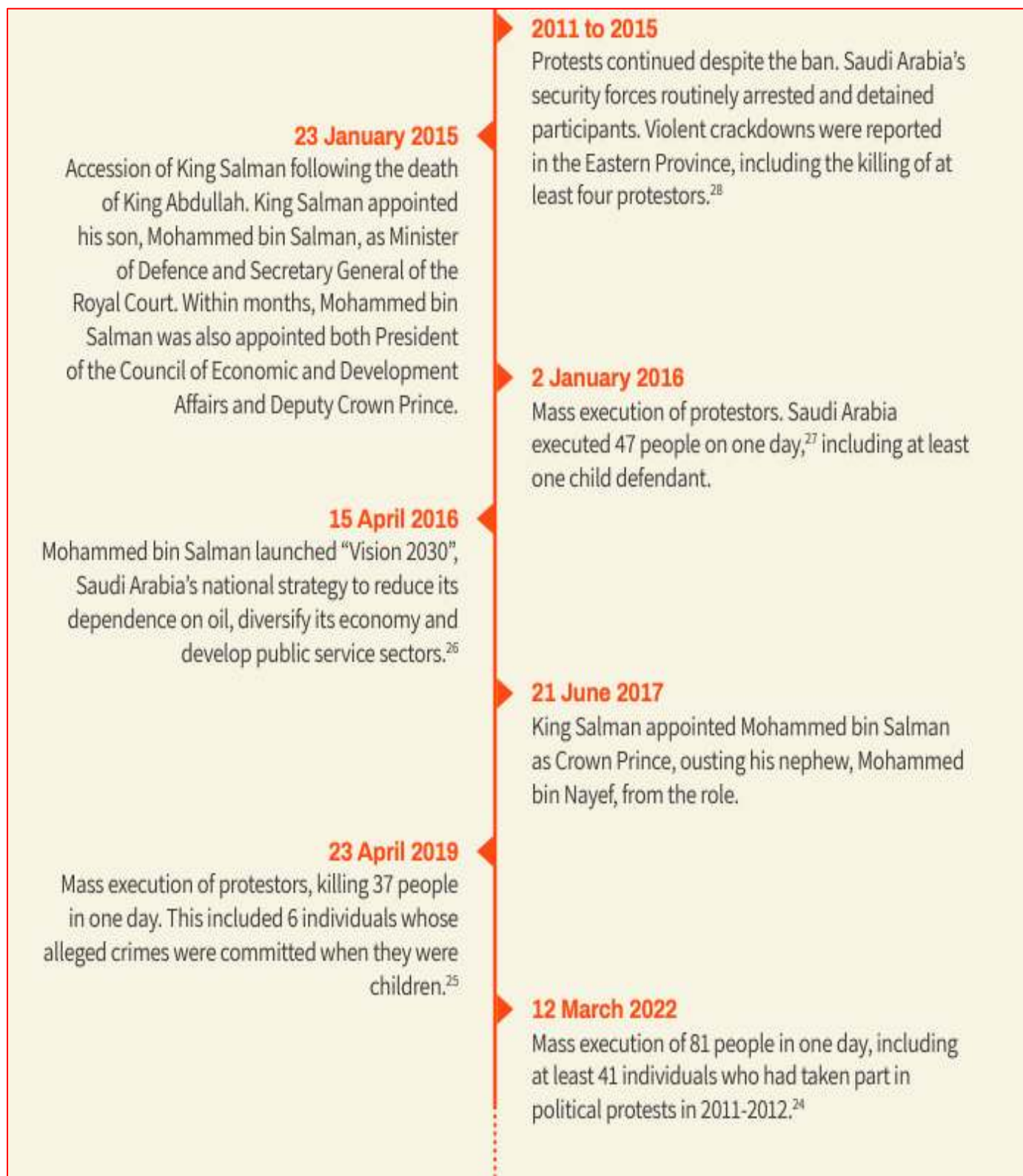
Saudi Arabia shows no sign of stopping. On 12 March 2022, Saudi Arabia carried out the largest mass execution in its history, killing 81 people in one day. In 2022, Saudi Arabia executed at least 147 individuals. These figures belie the image that ***SAUDI ARABIA’S CROWN PRINCE, MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, SEEKS TO PORTRAY TO THE WORLD OF A PROGRESSIVE NATION WORKING TO REDUCE ITS USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY.***

In fact, ***MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN’S RISE TO POWER IN 2015 HAS COINCIDED WITH A MARKED INCREASE IN EXECUTIONS. THE ANNUAL RATE OF EXECUTIONS HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE KING SALMAN AND MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN CAME TO POWER IN 2015.*** From 2010-2014 there was an average of 70.8 executions per year. From 2015-2022 there was an average of 129.5 executions per year – a rise of 82%. The six bloodiest years of executions in Saudi Arabia’s recent history have all occurred under the leadership of Mohammed bin Salman and King Salman (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2022).

This report examines data on 11 years of executions in Saudi Arabia, from 2010 to 2021. The data reveals that Saudi Arabia is failing to comply with the international minimum standards on the application of the death penalty, resulting in the systematic violation of the right to life, through:

1. ► *Continuing use of the death penalty against child defendants;*
2. ► *Disproportionate executions of foreign nationals including women;*
3. ► *Use of the death penalty against those exercising fundamental rights;*
4. ► *Routine imposition of the death penalty for non-lethal offences;*

5. ► *Breaches of fundamental safeguards protecting due process, fair trial, the right to be free from torture and the right to be free from discrimination.*





Bloodshed-and-Lies-
Mohammed-bin-Salm

Mohammed bin Salman's Kingdom of Executions



SAUDI ARABIA EXECUTES A PERSON EVERY TWO DAYS SO FAR IN 2024

HUMAN RIGHTS NGO SAYS THE SURGE INDICATES THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO EXTENSIVE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY



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[Saudi Arabia](#) has executed 100 people since the beginning of 2024 through to 15 July, the European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights (ESOHR) [said](#) on Monday.

According to the rights group, which monitors executions in the kingdom, ***THE RATE AMOUNTS TO AN EXECUTION NEARLY EVERY TWO DAYS, REPRESENTING A 42 PERCENT INCREASE COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2023***, which recorded 172 executions.

ESOHR said that the surge indicates an “insistence on using the death penalty extensively, in violation of international laws and its official commitments.”

Despite the rise in execution numbers, the group said that they had identified only three individuals facing imminent execution, indicating that ***MANY EXECUTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN SECRET***.

According to [Reprive](#), which documents death penalty cases in the kingdom, ***IN MANY CASES THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS ARE NOT AWARE THEY WERE ON DEATH ROW***.

ESOHR noted that in 19 of the cases they monitored, ***THE TYPE OF SENTENCE AND THE COURT THAT ISSUED IT ARE OFTEN CONCEALED IN OFFICIAL REPORTING***.

THEY ADDED THAT THIS LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IS “A NEW FORM OF MANIPULATION BY SAUDI ARABIA TO EVADE ITS COMMITMENTS AND CONTINUE USING THE DEATH PENALTY AS A TOOL”.

In 2023, [a joint report by ESOHR and Reprive](#) revealed that ***RIYADH'S EXECUTION RATE HAS ALMOST DOUBLED SINCE KING SALMAN AND HIS SON MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN CAME TO POWER IN 2015. BETWEEN 2015 AND 2022, EXECUTIONS SURGED BY 82 PERCENT***.

In February this year, seven Saudi men [were killed](#) in a mass execution, the highest number put to death in one day since [81 were killed in March 2022](#).

According to the report, ***SAUDI AUTHORITIES ROUTINELY USED THE DEATH PENALTY TO QUASH POLITICAL DISSIDENTS***, in contravention of international law which stipulates it should only be used for the most serious crimes.

According to Reprive, foreign nationals, including female domestic workers and drug offenders, are “disproportionately” targeted.

Despite the crown prince’s pledge in a [2018 interview](#) that he would minimise executions, the country remains one of the world’s most prolific executioners.



SAUDI ARABIA DENIES REPORTS ABOUT FATAL WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE KINGDOM

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Saudi Arabia's National Council for Occupational Safety and Health issued a statement on Friday denying recent reports about harsh working conditions and the number fatalities of laborers in the Kingdom.

“IN REFERENCE TO THE MISINFORMATION CIRCULATING ACROSS VARIOUS MEDIA PLATFORMS - PARTICULARLY CLAIMS SUGGESTING AN INCREASE IN WORKER FATALITIES LINKED TO WORKING CONDITIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA, ACCOMPANIED BY UNFOUNDED STATISTICS LACKING CREDIBLE SOURCES - THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN SAUDI ARABIA UNEQUIVOCALLY REFUTED THESE ASSERTIONS,” THE COUNCIL SAID IN A STATEMENT CARRIED BY THE SAUDI PRESS AGENCY (SPA).

Several reports circulating online alleged that over 21,000 workers had died while working in Saudi Arabia in the last eight years.

However, the council said that work-related fatalities in the Kingdom stand at 1.12 per 100,000 workers, which is among the lowest globally.

Additionally, Saudi labor laws mandate that employers provide comprehensive health insurance that covers essential preventive, therapeutic, and healthcare services for all employees, the council added.

Regulations also restrict work in direct sunlight during the summer months and establish working hours in accordance with international standards, according to the council.

The statement also noted that the International Labour Organization (ILO) has acknowledged the low number of fatalities and has highlighted on its official website that Saudi Arabia has made significant advancements in improving occupational safety and health and reducing workplace accidents at the national level.

“Similar commendations have been offered by other reputable international organizations, including the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management and the British Safety Council,” the council said in the statement.

“The National Council for Occupational Safety and Health reiterated that the safety and well-being of workers are fundamental priorities in all regulations and laws implemented in Saudi Arabia,” the statement continued.

IT ALSO ADDED THAT THE INITIATIVES OUTLINED IN THE SAUDI VISION 2030 PLAN PLACE “HUMAN WELL-BEING AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,” including the National Strategic Program for Occupational Safety and Health.

The program aims to review and enhance workplace safety protocols, regulations, and legislation, the council said. The council emphasized the importance of verifying information and sourcing it from credible outlets.



SAUDI ARABIA AFFIRMS HIGH WORKPLACE SAFETY STANDARDS IN RESPONSE TO FALSE REPORTS

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RIYADH: In response to false reports, Saudi Arabia's government has affirmed that the Kingdom has one of the world's lowest rates of workplace fatalities, the Saudi Press Agency reported on Friday.

The National Council for Occupational Safety and Health issued a statement, carried by the SPA, highlighting that work-related fatalities stand at 1.12 per 100,000 workers.

"The International Labour Organization acknowledges this progress, highlighting ... that Saudi Arabia has made significant advancements in improving occupational safety and health and reducing workplace accidents at the national level," the council stated.

"Similar commendations have been offered by other reputable international organizations, including the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management and the British Safety Council."

The council was created primarily to integrate national policies and global best practices for occupational safety and health in the workplace.

On the legislative side, Saudi Arabia's labor laws have mandated that employers provide comprehensive health insurance including essential preventive, therapeutic and healthcare services for all employees, the council stated.

The statement added: "Regulations also restrict work under direct sunlight during the summer months and establish working hours in accordance with international standards set forth in relevant ILO agreements.

"We emphasize the importance of verifying information and sourcing it from credible outlets."

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SAUDI PURGE: WHY MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN CAN NEVER REST

[David Hearst](#) 7 September 2020 16:35 BST

The sacking of Fahd bin Turki is ***A SIGN OF PERMANENT INSECURITY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.***



The removal of military commander [Prince Fahd bin Turki](#) is the **LATEST IN A SERIES OF PURGES CARRIED OUT BY THE PARANOID CROWN PRINCE.**

There have been at least **FIVE MAJOR PURGES** and one mass execution in Saudi Arabia **SINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN (MBS) CAME TO POWER AS CROWN PRINCE:**

WHEN MBS TORTURED HIS RELATIVES AT THE RITZ-CARLTON

https://youtu.be/Uo9SzkK1T_Q

These were [the arrests](#) of the Muslim scholars; the seizure of over [300 businessmen and royals](#) rounded up in the Ritz Carlton; [the campaign](#) against women activists and human rights lawyers; [the detention](#) of leading members of the Allegiance Council and [300 government employees](#); and last week the removal of [Prince Fahd bin Turki](#), commanding general of the Saudi Joint Forces and his son.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE LATEST SACKINGS IN SAUDI ARABIA'S ROYAL FAMILY?

<https://youtu.be/rXoAEFoSRVY>

PURGES HAVE BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE OF THE PARANOID PRINCE'S RULE.

HE HAS, OF COURSE, EVERY REASON TO BE PARANOID, BECAUSE HE HAS MADE ENEMIES OF SO MANY ONCE POWERFUL COUSINS AND UNCLES. He has also made so many mistakes at the helm that [the kingdom is today weaker](#) militarily and economically than at any time in its modern history. Its regional prestige has shrivelled.

Policymaking is a shambles. On Friday Abdulrahman al-Sudais, the imam of the Grand Mosque of Mecca, preached a sermon widely interpreted as [a prelude to normalisation](#) with Israel. By Sunday King Salman told US President Donald Trump there is [no normalisation](#) without Palestinian statehood.

THE CROWN PRINCE MAY HAVE REASON TO THINK THE SWORDS ARE OUT FOR HIM. But there has been a method in the madness of decrees issued in the dead of the night.

Sons and brothers

MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HAS PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE RIVAL LINES OF SUCCESSION THAT HAVE A LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO THE THRONE SHOULD A PALACE COUP UNSEAT HIM.

[Revelation 13:3](#)

And I saw **ONE OF HIS HEADS AS IT WERE WOUNDED TO DEATH; AND HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED:** and all the world wondered after **THE BEAST.**

[Revelation 13:12](#)

And he exerciseth all the power of the **FIRST BEAST** before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein **TO WORSHIP THE FIRST BEAST, WHOSE DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED.**

[Revelation 13:14](#)

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of **THE BEAST;** saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should **MAKE AN IMAGE TO THE BEAST, WHICH HAD THE WOUND BY A SWORD, AND DID LIVE.**

THE BEAST WHO HAD A DEADLY WOUND BY A

FALSE SATANIC RESURRECTION

CRUX.

MBS FEARS
ASSASSINATION OVER NORMALISING
TIES WITH ISRAEL

SWORD AND YET LIVED

<https://nightwatchman.blog/category/deadly-sword-wound-false-resurrection/>

THE TWO BRANCHES OF THE FAMILY OF MOST CONCERN TO HIM ARE THE SONS OF THE SUDAIRI SEVEN, THE FULL BROTHERS OF HIS FATHER KING SALMAN (THE SONS THAT KING ABDULAZIZ HAD WITH HUSSA SUDAIRI), AND THE SONS OF THE LATE KING ABDULLAH, THREE OF WHOM ARE NOW IN DETENTION.

Revelation 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.



5,000 (5) 'Princes'



HOUSE OF SAUD
SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY
NEWS & INFORMATION



Abdulaziz (Ibn Saud)
(1902-53)



Saud
(1953-64)



Faisal
(1964-75)



Khalid
(1975-82)



Fahad
(1982-2005)



Abdullah
(2005-15)



Salman
(2015-)



HOUSE OF SAUD
A Family at War



MBS
(b 1985)



SEVEN SAUDI KINGS

Revelation 17:10-11 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. **AND THE BEAST THAT WAS, AND IS NOT, EVEN HE IS THE EIGHTH, AND IS OF THE SEVEN, AND GOETH INTO PERDITION.**

666. THE NUMBER OF THE PRINCE, BEAST, ANTICHRIST, MAHDI, 12TH IMAM

<https://rumble.com/v561ko5-666.-the-number-of-the-prince-beast-antichrist-mahdi-12th-imam.html>

Fahd bin Turki was in Mohammed bin Salman's crosshairs on both counts. Bin Turki is ***THE LAST SON OF THE SUDAIRI SEVEN*** of important military significance to be kicked out of office. The other two members of that line, Salman's brother [Prince Ahmad](#) and his nephew [Mohammed bin Nayef](#), are both in detention, the targets of previous purges.

IS SAUDI ARABIA'S CROWN PRINCE CONSOLIDATING POWER?

<https://youtu.be/e4kvg48igwU>

But if that were not enough, bin Turki's wife Abeer is also the daughter of the late king Abdullah. Abeer is the mother of Prince Abdulaziz bin Fahd bin Turki, who was also [removed](#) from his post as deputy governor of al-Jouf region. Abeer was active on social media in her own right. She headed "The Arab Organisation for Traffic Safety" and [launched](#) a community partnership prize in her name.

Some of the Sudairis have been kept on: [Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Nayef](#), a grandson of Prince Nayef, was appointed interior minister. He could also have been detained during these purges, according to some reports.

The sons and grandsons of Salman's brother Sultan have also retained some influence. Faisal bin Khalid bin Sultan and Fahd bin Sultan retain two governorships, while Rima, daughter of Bandar bin Sultan, has [got the Washington job](#), and her brother Khalid bin Bandar bin Sultan the London one.

But generally, the Sudairi clan is a shadow of its former self. Under King Fahd this line of the family dominated the military and intelligence posts.

The Abdullah clan is faring no better. Turki bin Abdullah is the only senior victim of the Carlton Ritz seizures to be [still in detention](#) almost three years on. His brothers Faisal and Meshaal have been [rearrested](#) according to some reports. Turki bin Abdullah still retains some influence and there have been [appeals](#) on social media for his release.

Yemen fallout

MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HAD OTHER REASONS TO FEAR FAHD BIN TURKI. HE WAS A CAREER SOLDIER AND THE POPULAR COMMANDER OF LAND FORCES. He had a reputation for being humble. As such he would have reflected the army's disdain for the way their defence minister, the crown prince, has conducted the campaign in Yemen.

The campaign to displace the Houthis from Sanaa started soon after King Salman ascended the throne in January 2015. The lightning strike was supposed to signal the start of a far more activist foreign policy by the kingdom.

Five years on, the pet project of the Saudi crown prince is bogged down and [costing \\$1bn a month](#). The Houthis are still in Sanaa, still [capable of firing missiles](#) which can reach Riyadh, Mecca and vast swathes of Saudi territory. And the south of Yemen has been effectively [partitioned](#) by forces paid for and loyal to Abu Dhabi.

Fahd is known to have clashed with Mohammed bin Salman over the Emirati seizure of the strategic island of Socotra and the fall of Aden to forces loyal to the Emirates. MBS and his brother Khalid are veering towards a diplomatic exit, without conceding defeat. The presence of the Houthis in the capital and the seat of government in Yemen says otherwise.

If any more proof were needed that Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Zayed, has greater sway over a Saudi defence minister than his own top generals, there can be no more powerful sign than Fahd's dismissal.

Fahd had also begun talking to retired generals about his dissatisfaction, Saudi sources inform me. It is impossible to know how far this went or whether the activity was picked up by **MBS' COMPREHENSIVE SURVEILLANCE NETWORK**.

The wrong signal

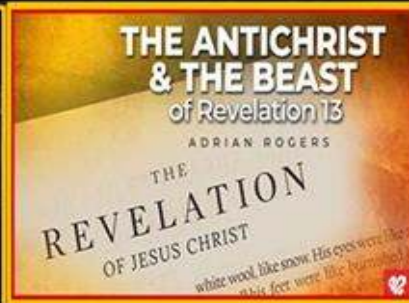
The message that these continued purges sends to the region is the wrong one. **THE CROWN PRINCE NEEDS TO PRESENT THE IMAGE OF A KINGDOM THAT IS STABLE UNDER HIS FULL CONTROL**. Particularly at a time when Saudi Arabia has come under pressure by its major shareholders, US President Donald Trump and his son-in-law and Special Adviser Jared Kushner, to **NORMALISE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL**.

SEVEN (7) YEAR BOOKENDS



THE PRINCE CONFIRMS THE FALSE PEACE COVENANT

THE ANTICHRIST'S ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION



COUNT 1,290 DAYS FROM THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION



Mohammed bin Salman wants to avoid giving signs of weakness and mayhem. If chaos reigns, a deal with him alone over Israel (he has met the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in person several times) is not worth the paper it is written on, because it will not have the buy in from the rest of the royal clan.

Netanyahu must surely know that if Mohammed bin Salman is brought down, all Israel's efforts to bring the kingdom in line on the Palestinian question will go with him.

The Saudi policy on Israel will surely revert to the old status quo of [the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002](#), which was a Saudi production and singular foreign policy achievement of King Abdullah, beginning when he was crown prince.

Whether Fahd represented a genuine threat, or whether the general was victim of another bout of the prince's midnight paranoia makes little difference. The signal it sends is of **PERMANENT INSECURITY AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.**



PERMANENT INSECURITY IS PERSONIFIED BY MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HIMSELF, WORKING THROUGH THE NIGHT, PLOTTING, SUSPECTING, LASHING OUT, WITHOUT THOUGHT TO THE CONSEQUENCES.

The purge announced last week is still continuing. More Muslim scholars have been arrested, including Sheikh [Dr Abdullah Basfar](#), a preacher noted for the mellifluous voice with which he read out passages from the Quran. He was politically unaffiliated. **MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN CAN NEVER SLEEP IN PEACE. THAT IS HIS PROBLEM. THE KINGDOM'S PROBLEM IS THAT IT WILL NEVER ENJOY STABILITY UNDER HIM.**

The NUMBER OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN '666'

ROYAL FAMILY OF SAUD

Primes

666

9

(17 letters, 4 words)

"ROYAL FAMILY OF SAUD" = 666 (Primes)

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SAUDI JUDGES ARRESTED FOR 'HIGH TREASON,' SAY RIGHTS GROUPS

AT LEAST NINE JUDGES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, INCLUDING THREE FROM SAUDI ARABIA'S HIGHEST COURT, IN WHAT RIGHTS GROUPS SAY RESEMBLES PREVIOUS PURGES AGAINST MBS'S OPPONENTS



Scores of the kingdom's elite were detained in 2017 at Riyadh's Ritz-Carlton hotel in a crackdown
By [MEE staff](#)

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[Saudi](#) authorities have arrested several prominent judges on charges of "high treason," in what **HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS SAY RESEMBLES PREVIOUS PURGES CONDUCTED AGAINST RIVALS OF SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN.**

At least nine judges, three from the terrorism court, three from the appellate court, and three from the high court - the highest court in the country - were publicly arrested on Monday, witnesses [told](#) Democracy for the Arab World Now (Dawn).

MANY OF THE JUDGES WHO WERE ARRESTED, said Dawn, **HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN SAUDI ARABIA**, including Khalid al-Liheidan, who was responsible for ordering the imprisonment of women's rights activist Loujain al-Hathloul.

Another is Abdulaziz al-Jaber, who decreed the execution of 81 prisoners in March this year, a move that was met with worldwide condemnation. Jaber has also sentenced a child to the death penalty.

Dawn and the advocacy group [Prisoners of Conscience](#) said that security forces made the arrests at the courts at which the judges worked

MANY OF THE JUDGES ARRESTED HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SEEN AS "SUPPORTERS" OF SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN (MBS), according to Dawn.

"WITH MBS AS CROWN PRINCE, NO ONE IN SAUDI ARABIA IS SAFE, EVEN THOSE OFFICIALS MOST LOYAL TO HIM, INCLUDING HIGH-RANKING JUDGES WHO HAVE JUSTIFIED ARBITRARY ARRESTS FOR ENGAGING IN PEACEFUL ACTIVISM AND SENTENCED PEOPLE TO DEATH BECAUSE THEY HELD MINORITY VIEWS," Abdullah Alaoudh, Dawn's Gulf director, said in a statement.

While the rights group had previously called for Jaber and Liheidan to be held responsible for their rights abuses, Dawn condemned the arrests for "their lack of due process and transparency".

There has not yet been an official statement on the arrests, and the reasons for them are not yet clear.

RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE REPEATEDLY CRITICISED MBS'S CRACKDOWN ON DISSENT AND INCREASED CONSOLIDATION OF POWER SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS CROWN PRINCE IN 2017.

Previous waves of detention have been widely condemned by **CRITICS AND RIGHTS GROUPS THAT ACCUSE MBS OF UTILISING ANTI-CORRUPTION SENTIMENTS TO PURGE POTENTIAL RIVALS TO THE CROWN OR ANYONE DEEMED A THREAT TO HIS RULE.**

Scores of the kingdom's economic and political elite were detained in 2017 at Riyadh's Ritz-Carlton hotel in a crackdown that unsettled some foreign investors.

In 2019, the royal court said it was winding down its anti-corruption campaign after 15 months, but authorities later said they would start going after graft by ordinary government employees.

THE CROWN PRINCE IS FACING MULTIPLE LAWSUITS IN WASHINGTON, INCLUDING ONE ACCUSING MBS OF ORDERING A HIT SQUAD TO TRACK DOWN AND KILL FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF SAAD AL-JABRI.

ANOTHER LEGAL CHALLENGE WAS FILED BY HATICE CENGIZ, FIANCEE OF THE MURDERED WASHINGTON POST AND MIDDLE EAST EYE COLUMNIST [JAMAL KHASHOGGI](#). IT REMAINS THE LAST CASE REGARDING KHASHOGGI'S MURDER TO BE HEARD OUTSIDE OF SAUDI ARABIA.

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SAUDI ROYALS SELLING VALUABLES AS MBS MAKES POWER PLAY

ByAl Mayadeen Net Source: Agencies 25 Apr 2022 11:56

SAUDI ARABIA'S ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE SELLING ASSETS TO GENERATE CASH AFTER THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE HAS FURTHER USED HIS INFLUENCE TO CONSOLIDATE POWER. SOME OF THE ROYALS CURRENTLY SELLING OFF ASSETS WERE PART OF THOSE DETAINED IN THE RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL IN 2017

According to a report by The Wall Street Journal, **SAUDI PRINCES HAVE SOLD \$600 (6)MILLION WORTH OF REAL ESTATE, YACHTS, AND ARTWORK SINCE MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN HAS ATTEMPTED TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE POWER BY CUTTING OFF THEIR ACCESS TO MONEY.**

MBS, SAUDI ARABIA'S DE FACTO RULER, HAS DRIED UP THE SAUDI ROYALS' SOURCES OF MONEY UNDER THE PRETENSE THAT THEY HAVE "EXTRAORDINARY SPENDING HABITS" THEY HAVE TO MAINTAIN, BUT THIS COULD VERY MUCH BE AN EXTENSION OF THE 2017 RITZ-CARLTON POWER PLAY.

The sellers, however, are some of the **MOST POWERFUL PEOPLE IN SAUDI ARABIA.** Over the years, **MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HAS BEEN SIDELINING THE RELATIVES HE VIEWED AS POTENTIAL RIVALS, CURTAILED MANY OF THEIR PERKS, AND PREVENTED THEM FROM ACCUMULATING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY THROUGH STATE DEALS.**

Some of those currently liquidating assets were detained in Riyadh's Ritz-Carlton hotel in 2017, in what was called by critics as a shakedown, whereby the **ROYALS WISHING TO LEAVE HAD TO SIGN OVER LARGE SUMS OF THEIR BELONGINGS TO THE CROWN PRINCE.**

Some of those who are selling off their belongings include Prince Bandar bin Sultan, who sold off a \$155 million country estate west of London. His children are appointed as ambassadors to Washington and London. A brother of Prince Bandar, Prince Khaled, sold a Paris mansion next to the Eiffel Tower for over \$87 million in 2020 and a superyacht in 2019.

TENS OF THOUSANDS SUFFER IN SAUDI DETENTION CENTRES DESPITE PROMISE OF REFORM

EXCLUSIVE: FOUR YEARS AFTER A TELEGRAPH INVESTIGATION UNCOVERED
WIDESPREAD ABUSES, NEW FOOTAGE SUGGESTS NOTHING HAS CHANGED

[Shona Mitchell](#) 26 October 2024 9:00am BST



Detainees warn about the spread of disease and a lack of medical treatment in appalling conditions Credit: ITV / Hardcash Productions

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO DEGRADING CONDITIONS INSIDE SAUDI DETENTION CENTRES DESPITE THE KINGDOM'S PROMISE TO REFORM THE WAY IT TREATS MIGRANT WORKERS.



Four years ago, a Telegraph Global Health Security investigation [uncovered the first evidence of widespread abuses inside the facilities](#), prompting international outcry and a pledge from Riyadh to take action.

But a tranche of new footage smuggled out of the centres housing those awaiting deportation suggests nothing has changed.

The footage is part of a new documentary which will be broadcast on ITV on Sunday and reveals what life is really like inside the Kingdom under Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

It includes videos showing hundreds of people forced to sleep on the floor of a single room, with bin bags for blankets.

In another clip, overflowing toilets and dirt-covered floors are a clear sign of the unsanitary and overcrowded conditions detainees have to live in.

“It’s filthy here, there aren’t enough toilets,” says Zaro Gebre, an Ethiopian detainee who smuggled footage out of a detention centre in Jizan in Saudi Arabia’s south west, near the border with Yemen.

“We are all in this one room called Amber,” he says in a video sent in March of this year, filmed from beneath a piece of plastic sheet to hide from security cameras. **“THERE ARE 600 (6) OF US – WE WEAR PLASTIC SHEETS AND WE SLEEP IN BLACK PLASTIC BAGS.”**

“The detainees who are aged between 15 and 20 are suffering the most psychological trauma,” he says.

Video captured inside a women’s detention centre in the capital, Riyadh, shows security personnel struggling to intervene as a mentally-ill detainee attacks a fellow prisoner. Later footage appears to show the victim’s lifeless body lying on the tiled floor.

Saudi Arabia has long relied on an underclass of foreign workers from Africa and Asia, who make up around a fifth of the country’s population.

MANY OF THOSE IN THE KINGDOM’S DETENTION CENTRES HAVE FALLEN FOUL OF ITS STRICT IMMIGRATION RULES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE CROWN PRINCE INTRODUCED A POLICY REQUIRING PRIVATE COMPANIES TO HIRE A PERCENTAGE OF SAUDI NATIONALS.

Some eight million people have been arrested in a crackdown on illegal immigration and migration offences since Mohamed bin Salman assumed de facto control of the Kingdom in 2017.

Ethiopians like Mr Gebre, who have fled war and poverty in their home country for the chance of a better life in the Gulf, make up a large proportion of those in the Saudi detention centres.

Mr Gebre estimated that there were between **FORTY AND FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE JIZAN DETENTION CENTRE ALONE.**

In the end, Mr Gebre endured nine months in Jizan before he was eventually released and deported back to Ethiopia.

“It’s no exaggeration to say **THAT PLACE WAS HELL ON EARTH,**” he says. **“THEY NEVER LET US OUTSIDE DURING MY NINE-MONTH STAY. THEY NEVER LET ANYONE EXPERIENCE FRESH AIR OR SUNLIGHT.**

“I witnessed sick people attempting suicide, their friends had to tie them down – I met people who were driven completely crazy” he says, echoing testimony detainees gave to the Telegraph during the newspaper’s original investigation.

In a further echo of the conditions described in 2020, Mr Gebre described being beaten with a length of black electrical cable.

“They hit me again and again and again – I will never forget my last beating.”

The Saudi embassy in London did not immediately respond to a request for comment from The Telegraph.

THE NEW EVIDENCE OF SAUDI RIGHTS ABUSES COMES WITH THE KINGDOM IN THE MIDDLE OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS BLITZ – INCLUDING A MASSIVE MOVE INTO SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL, GOLF AND BOXING – THAT IS WIDELY SEEN AS A WAY TO BOLSTER ITS INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION.

Saudi Arabia is the only bidder for the 2034 FIFA World Cup and is expected to be formally confirmed as the host later this year.

But the country’s [move into football](#) is under heightened scrutiny.

[Leaked WhatsApp messages seen by The Telegraph](#) suggested that the ***BOTH CROWN PRINCE AND BRITISH MINISTERS WERE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE STATE SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND’S TAKEOVER OF NEWCASTLE UNITED***, despite denials of government interference in the deal from Boris Johnson and Richard Masters, the Premier League’s chief executive.

THE KINGDOM IS SPENDING BILLIONS TO TRANSFORM ITS GLOBAL IMAGE AND BECOME A TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT HUB UNDER THE CROWN PRINCE’S VISION 2030 PLAN TO DIVERSIFY THE ECONOMY AWAY FROM OIL.

But its campaign was dealt a blow earlier this month when it failed in a bid to win a seat on the United Nations Human Rights Council, four years after its 2020 bid was rejected.

In the wake of the Telegraph’s investigation in 2020, the Saudi government [told the newspaper that the images showing abuses inside the detention centres were “shocking and unacceptable to us as a country”](#).



“If facilities are found to be lacking their needs will be addressed appropriately,” it said in a statement sent via its embassy in London.

FOUR YEARS LATER, AND RIGHTS CAMPAIGNERS HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT ANYTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR DETAINEES.

“THE ONLY RESPONSE THAT I’VE SEEN, IN PRACTICE, IS TO BAN PHONES, WHICH WOULD SEEM TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO CAUTERISE ANY MORE EVIDENCE OF THESE HORRIFYING ABUSES FROM GETTING OUT,” said Nadia Hardman, a Refugee and Migrant Rights Researcher at Human Rights Watch. ***“IF ANYTHING, IT’S JUST GETTING WORSE.”***

“I went from documenting horrifying abuses in detention to deaths on the border,” she told The Telegraph, referring to a [report alleging that Saudi border guards had fired rocket-propelled grenades at migrants crossing from Yemen.](#)

Much of the material that forms the new documentary, 'Kingdom Uncovered', was gathered undercover and at great personal risk.

THOSE BEHIND THE FILM SAY THEY WERE MOTIVATED TO REVEAL THE JARRING CONTRAST BETWEEN THE SAUDI ARABIA OF THE PR CAMPAIGN AND THE REALITY OF LIFE IN THE COUNTRY.

<https://youtu.be/YTvk6brZ1Ow>

“It was coming across that Telegraph investigation that really shocked me and made me think there’s such a big difference between what we’re seeing in terms of the publicity around Vision 2030 and the reforms in Saudi Arabia, and the potential for very serious abuses taking place inside the country at the same time,” said Sam Collins, the director.

“It’s almost impossible, I think, to hold those two ideas together in your head at the same time,” he said. “On the one hand, it could be this amazing, forward-thinking, reforming country. But then to see that footage, it flagged up to me how large that discrepancy was.

“We’d heard the allegations about human rights abuses inside the country, but actual footage relating to those abuses is extremely rare, so we were determined to find a way to get in and investigate.”

The filmmakers also challenged the British government, which, in 2014, signed an agreement to help modernise the Saudi Ministry of the Interior that runs the detention centres.

The government refused to give up any information about the programme, saying that it could damage relations between Britain and the Kingdom.

Kingdom Uncovered: Inside Saudi Arabia, Sunday 27th October, 22:15pm on ITV

SAUDI EXECUTIONS HIT RECORD NUMBER UNDER 'REFORMIST PRINCE'

RISE IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT UNDER CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, DESPITE PLEDGE TO CUT DOWN ON THE DEATH PENALTY

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SAUDI ARABIA HAS REACHED A RECORD HIGH FOR EXECUTIONS DESPITE PLEDGES TO CUT DOWN THE DEATH PENALTY.

There have been some 208 deaths so far in 2024, eclipsing the 2022 record of 196, 81 in a single day.

THE EXECUTIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT UNDER REFORMIST [CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN](#), WHO HAS OVERSEEN AT LEAST 1,447 EXECUTIONS CARRIED OUT SINCE HE WAS MADE CROWN PRINCE TO HIS ELDERLY FATHER, SALMAN, IN 2015.

It comes as on October 9, UN member states will vote on whether to allow Saudi Arabia a seat on the Human Rights Council.

[Reforms](#) made in the kingdom include allowing women to drive and bringing in some of the world's top names in sport and entertainment.

However, ***THE RISE IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT CONTINUES***, with 32 in September alone, and 41 in August, the 2024 monthly high so far, despite a moratorium on the use of the death penalty in 2020.

CRACK DOWN ON DISSIDENTS

Human Rights group Reprieve's deputy director, Harriet McCulloch, said ***THE DEATH PENALTY HAS BEEN USED WIDELY TO CRACK DOWN ON [ANYONE PERCEIVED TO BE CRITICAL OF THE MONARCHY](#)***. They include children, with three Reprieve clients, Abdullah al-Derazi, Youssef al-Manasif and Abdullah al-Howaiti, all at risk of execution, the charity said.

"THEIR HARSH SENTENCES ARE A DETERRENT AGAINST OTHERS CONSIDERING SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THE RULING FAMILY WHETHER IT IS VILLAGERS EVICTED TO MAKE WAY FOR [THE \$1.5 TRILLION MEGA-PROJECT] NEOM, WOMEN'S RIGHTS DEFENDERS, CHILDREN ATTENDING PROTESTS OR SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS," Ms McCulloch said.

Prince Mohammed had promised to do away with executions for more minor crimes but they still take up a huge proportion of deaths. In September, 16 out of 32 executions were for drug-related crimes and in 2024, around 41 per cent were for crimes not meeting the most serious crimes threshold, according to European Saudi Organisation for Human Rights (ESOHR) legal director Taha al-Hajji.

IN 2017, THE CROWN PRINCE ALSO ARRESTED ABOUT 70 MEMBERS OF SAUDI'S POLITICAL ELITE, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, IN A BID TO SECURE POWER AND WEED OUT DISSENT.

A US investigation found that it was Prince Mohammed's instructions to kill US-Saudi [journalist Jamal Khashoggi](#) in 2018 in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in which his body was mutilated after speaking against the government. He denies being involved.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the **SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE BEHEADED FOR THE WITNESS OF JESUS, AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD**, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.





The rise in the number of execution of dissidents has caused alarm Credit: Yasin Akgul/AFP

https://youtu.be/2l6hjwblA_g

<https://youtu.be/V3qOIKrPxYU>

A former senior security and intelligence official, Rabih Alenezi, now seeking asylum in the UK after having a ***BOUNTY PUT ON HIS HEAD FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST MR BIN SALMAN***, said the ***CULTURE OF FEAR RULES UNDER THE DE FACTO RULER***.

Mr Alenezi, who reached the top echelons of the country's security establishment, said that ***THE DEATH PENALTY, OFTEN CARRIED OUT BY BEHEADING WITH A SWORD, IS A WAY TO "INTIMIDATE PEOPLE AND TERRORISE SOCIETY BECAUSE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN KNOWS THAT PEOPLE HATE HIM"***, including ministers.

"HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WILL CARRY OUT HIS ORDERS AND ACCEPT HIS PROJECTS WITHOUT FEAR," he added.



The crown prince is heading up some of the world's largest mega-projects in addition to [big investments globally](#), such as shares in Heathrow airport.

Rights lawyer, Mr al-Hajji, said ***“THIS HIGH IN EXECUTIONS COMES IN CLEAR CONTRADICTION TO MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN’S PROMISES OF REFORM AND HE HAS SPOKEN PUBLICLY SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE SEEKS TO FIX THE SITUATION AND LIMIT EXECUTIONS ONLY TO MURDER CASES BECAUSE THEY ARE STIPULATED IN ISLAMIC LAW AND DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THEM”.***

Many of the cases he said are charges related to transporting, smuggling and receiving drugs, with charges of participating in protests and since this year, there has been charges of treason against the homeland.

“THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT SPENDS BILLIONS ON PUBLIC RELATIONS COMPANIES, HOSTING THE WORLD’S MOST FAMOUS ARTISTS, AND THE BIGGEST SPORTING EVENTS TO WHITEWASH ITS IMAGE AND HIDE THE CATASTROPHIC REALITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN SAUDI ARABIA,” he said.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: US IMMUNITY TO MBS 'DEEP BETRAYAL.' US GIVES MBS 'GREEN LIGHT' TO MURDER CHRISTIANS OVER THE SEVEN YEAR TRIBULATION

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Amnesty International takes a swing ***AT WASHINGTON OVER GRANTING THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE, MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, IMMUNITY THAT SAVES HIM FROM PROSECUTION IN THE KHASHOGGI CASE.***

Amnesty International criticized the ***ADMINISTRATION OF [US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN](#) AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT [KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA \(KSA\)](#) CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN (MBS) "ENJOYS IMMUNITY" THAT [PREVENTS HIM FROM BEING PROSECUTED](#) IN THE LAWSUITS RELATED TO THE KILLING OF SAUDI JOURNALIST JAMAL KHASHOGGI*** in his country's consulate in Istanbul in 2018.

The organization criticized **RIYADH FOR APPOINTING MBS AS PRIME MINISTER BY ROYAL DECREE, WHICH RAISED CONCERNS AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS THAT THIS WOULD PROTECT THE CROWN PRINCE FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY CASES BEFORE FOREIGN COURTS**, including a civil case filed by Khashoggi's fiancée, [Haticé Cengiz](#), in the US. **"THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD HANG ITS HEAD IN SHAME. THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A SICKENING, TOTAL, DEEP BETRAYAL,"** Amnesty International Secretary General Agnès Callamard said in a statement.



Furthermore, the statement read, **"FIRST THE EVIDENCE OF THE CROWN PRINCE'S INVOLVEMENT IN JAMAL KHASHOGGI'S MURDER WAS DISREGARDED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP, THEN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FIST BUMP – IT ALL SUGGESTS SHADY DEALS MADE THROUGHOUT."**

The secretary-general of the organization considered that **"FOR THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO SEEK TO EXTEND IMMUNITY TO MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN SIMPLY BY DECLARING HIM PRIME MINISTER IS BEYOND CYNICAL,"** ADDING THAT **"IT IS DISAPPOINTING THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN EFFECT TO THIS LEGAL RUSE."**

Callamard noted that this means that **THE US GOVERNMENT IS SENDING "A DEPLORABLE MESSAGE THAT THOSE IN POWER – BE THEY HEADS OF STATE, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS, GENERALS COMMANDING WAR CRIMES, MINISTERS ORDERING ABDUCTION AND TORTURE, CORRUPT EXECUTIVES – ARE FREE TO OPERATE ABOVE THE LAW WITH TOTAL IMPUNITY."**



In conclusion, Amnesty International noted that "Mohammed bin Salman must face a court of law to answer these serious allegations and we hold out hope that the US court system will reject the department of justice argument and ensure that the matter proceeds to trial," adding that **"NO ONE SHOULD BE ASSURED IMMUNITY FOR SUCH HEINOUS CRIMES** and we, and the international human rights

movement as a whole, will not rest until those responsible for Jamal Khashoggi's murder are brought to justice."

Biden does not regret calling Saudi Arabia 'pariah'

[US President Joe Biden](#) said earlier in July that he has no regrets when it comes to calling KSA "a pariah state" for Riyadh's role in the assassination of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018.

"I don't regret anything that I said. [What happened to Khashoggi](#) was outrageous," Biden told a press briefing, adding, "if anything occurs like that again, they'll get that response and much more."

The US leader also said he raised the issue of Khashoggi's murder with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman during their meeting in Jeddah.

"With respect to the [murder of Khashoggi](#), I raised it at the top of the meeting, making it clear what I thought of it at the time and what I think of it now," Biden revealed.

Biden then disclosed that ***MBS TOLD HIM HE DID NOT FEEL PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR KHASHOGGI'S MURDER AND CLAIMED TO HAVE TAKEN ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO WERE.***

CRITICS FEAR MBS IS AFTER LEGAL COVER, IMMUNITY BY ASSUMING PM TITLE

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SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN'S NEW TITLE AS PRIME MINISTER, ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK, MAY BE MORE SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM THAN INSIDE, WHERE HE ENJOYS UTMOST POWER.

THE ROYAL DECREE WHEREBY THE SAUDI PRINCE WAS APPOINTED AS THE COUNTRY'S PRIME MINISTER CAME JUST DAYS BEFORE A DEADLINE FOR US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S ADMINISTRATION TO DECIDE WHETHER PRINCE MOHAMMED IS ELIGIBLE FOR IMMUNITY FROM LAWSUITS FILED IN US COURTS.

The 37-year-old de facto ruler of the world's largest crude exporter has been slammed by numerous lawsuits in recent years, most notably over the 2018 killing

of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Kingdom's Istanbul consulate, which earned him the "pariah" title in the west, although temporarily.

In court filings, ***HIS LAWYERS CLAIM THAT BEING "AT THE APEX OF SAUDI ARABIA'S GOVERNMENT" QUALIFIES HIM FOR LEGAL IMMUNITY.***

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND GOVERNMENT CRITICS SPECULATED THIS WEEK THAT MAKING MBS PRIME MINISTER WAS A BLATANT ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER THE IMMUNITY CLAIM AND AVOID LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.

The executive director of the NGO Khashoggi founded, Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), Sarah Leah Whitson, told AFP that ***IT WAS A "LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO CONJURE UP A NEW TITLE FOR HIM" – IN OTHER WORDS, A "TITLE-WASHING PLOY."***

Saudi officials did not respond to requests for comment about the move.

KHASHOGGI CONSPIRACY: (5) KIDNAPPED, BOUND, DRUGGED, TORTURED, AND ASSASSINATED

Two years after Khashoggi's death, DAWN filed in October 2020 a complaint in the United States along with Khashoggi's fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, accusing Bin Salman of involvement in a "conspiracy" that led to Khashoggi being kidnapped, bound, drugged, tortured and assassinated.

Last year, ***BIDEN DECLASSIFIED AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT REVEALED PRINCE MOHAMMED HAD APPROVED THE OPERATION AGAINST KHASHOGGI, WHICH SAUDI OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO DENY.***

The legal threats to Bin Salman in US courts go beyond Khashoggi.

He was also named in a lawsuit filed by Saad Al-Jabri, a former top intelligence official who fell out of favor as the crown prince maneuvered his way to the throne in 2017.

In the complaint, he is accused of attempting to entice Al-Jabri back to Saudi Arabia from exile in Canada, then "deploying a hit squad" to kill him on Canadian soil. The plot was indeed foiled, but only because the hired hitmen were turned denied entry.

The issue of immunity climaxed this summer when a US judge gave Biden's administration until August 1 to determine whether Prince Mohammed qualified for immunity or not.

THE KINGDOM IN MBS' PALM

Prior to this week's announcement, Bin Salman, served as Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister, overseeing major portfolios ranging from energy to security and beyond. A Saudi political expert at the University of Birmingham, Umar Karim, said little is expected to change within the kingdom as a result of his new title.

"MBS WAS ALREADY COMPLETELY IN CONTROL, AND THERE WAS NO THREAT AS SUCH TO HIM THAT COULD BE COUNTERED BY HIM BECOMING PRIME MINISTER," KARIM SAID. At the same time, it is unclear whether becoming Prime Minister will significantly strengthen Bin Salman's claim to immunity, given that King Salman continues to be King of Saudi Arabia.





**REGIME OF BLOOD:
SAUDI ARABIA CARRIES OUT MOST
EXECUTIONS IN 30YRS AS 198 PUT TO DEATH
FOR LIKES OF DRUGS & 'DISSENT' IN 'KILLING
SPREE'**

Those executed were punished for supporting 'anti-government' protests or drug-related offences

[Aliko Kraterou](#), Senior Foreign News Reporter Published: 9:44 ET, Sep 30 2024

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SAUDI Arabia has carried out the highest number of executions in decades with nearly 200 people being killed just this year.

Saudi's bloody record was set after three executions were announced on Saturday bringing the grim 2024 total to 198 people.



FIVE (5) PEOPLE WERE BEHEADED FOR MURDER AND THEN PUT ON PUBLIC DISPLAY IN 2019

Saudi Arabia has come under fire for its use of the death penalty

THE HORRIFIC KILLING SPREE SEES A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE EXECUTED BEING PUNISHED FOR "DISSENT" or drug-related offences.

This year's numbers surpassed its previous highs of 196 in 2022 and 192 in 1995 according to Amnesty International.

The London-based human rights group reports that Saudi is followed by China and Iran in 2023.

The country has repeatedly come under fire from human rights groups for its use of the death penalty and extreme medieval punishments.

Amnesty International accused **SAUDI AUTHORITIES OF "PURSUING A RELENTLESS KILLING SPREE."**

The group's secretary-general, Agnes Callamard, added that **RIYADH DISPLAYED "A CHILLING DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE WHILE PROMOTING AN EMPTY-WORDED CAMPAIGN TO REBRAND THEIR IMAGE".**

She said: **"THE DEATH PENALTY IS AN ABHORRENT AND INHUMAN PUNISHMENT WHICH SAUDI ARABIA HAS USED AGAINST PEOPLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF OFFENCES, INCLUDING POLITICAL DISSENT** and drug-related charges following grossly unfair trials.

"The authorities must immediately establish a moratorium on executions, and order re-trials for those on death row in line with international standards without resorting to the death penalty."

Those put to death this year included 32 people convicted of terrorism-related offences and 52 found guilty of drug-related offences, according to the tally.

Jeed Basyouni, the head of Middle East anti-death penalty advocacy for the NGO Reprieve, said the new record showed **"SAUDI ARABIA HAS GIVEN UP THE PRETENCE AROUND REFORMS ON THE USE OF DEATH PENALTY". "PROMISES MADE IN RECENT YEARS HAVEN'T MATERIALISED OR HAVE EVEN BEEN REVERSED,"** he added.

CROWN PRINCE [MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN](#) SAID IN MARCH 2022 THAT THE COUNTRY HAS "GOT RID OF" THE DEATH PENALTY EXCEPT FOR CASES WHERE IT IS MANDATED UNDER SHARIA.

[Decapitation](#) was a standard method of [capital punishment in pre-modern Islamic law](#). By the end of the 20th century, its use had been abandoned in most countries. **DECAPITATION IS STILL A LEGAL METHOD OF EXECUTION IN SAUDI ARABIA.**

One surah could potentially be used to provide a justification for decapitation in the context of war.

Now when ye meet in battle those who disbelieve, then it is **SMITING OF THE NECKS** until, when ye have routed them, making fast of bonds; and afterward either grace or ransom 'til the war lay down its burdens. (47:4)

Among classical commentators, [Fakhr al-Din al-Razi](#) interprets the last sentence of 8:12 to mean striking at the enemies in any way possible, from their head to the tips of their extremities. [Al-Qurtubi](#) reads the reference **TO STRIKING AT THE NECKS AS CONVEYING THE GRAVITY AND SEVERITY OF THE FIGHTING.**

DECAPITATION WAS THE NORMAL METHOD OF EXECUTING THE DEATH PENALTY UNDER CLASSICAL ISLAMIC LAW. Currently, Saudi Arabia is the only country in the world which uses decapitation within its Islamic legal system. **THE MAJORITY OF EXECUTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF [SAUDI ARABIA](#) ARE [PUBLIC BEHEADINGS](#)**, which usually cause mass gatherings but are [not allowed to be photographed or filmed](#).

But a few months later, in November, the authorities carried out the first executions for drug-related offences in nearly three years.

RIYADH HAS PREVIOUSLY ARGUED THAT THE DEATH PENALTY IS NECESSARY TO "MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER" AND SENTENCES ARE ONLY CARRIED OUT IF "THE DEFENDANTS HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL LEVELS OF LITIGATION".

The killings include the country's largest mass execution in March 2022, when [81 people were put to death in a single day](#). In 2019, the kingdom beheaded 37 Saudi citizens, most of them minority Shiites, in a mass execution across the country for alleged terrorism-related crimes. Saudi Arabia uses a number of methods to execute prisoners including public beheading, crucifixion and paralysis.

The state-run Saudi Press Agency announced last month the execution of Abdulmajeed al-Nimr, a retired traffic police officer, for terrorism-related offences related to joining Al-Qaeda. However, his court documents suggest his charges are related to his alleged support for “anti-government” protests in Saudi Arabia’s Shi’a majority Eastern Province, Amnesty International reports.

Human rights in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia is renowned for limiting basic human rights to its citizens and imposing harsh punishments to those who dare to voice their objections.

People are targeted for exercising freedom of expression and sentenced to lengthy prison sentences after "grossly unfair trials."

Critics of the government are often jailed or exiled.

Blogger Raif Badawi was sentenced to 1,000 lashes and 10 years in prison for "insulting Islam" and founding an online forum for political debate.

The country still regularly uses the death penalty, with the

number of executions being among the highest in the world.

Women continue to be subjected to discrimination and must have a male legal guardian while torturing while in detention is common practice.

Extreme violence forced a lot of migrant workers to flee Saudi Arabia while free speech is nonexistent.

Media are heavily controlled by the government and outspoken journalists are seriously punished.

Lastly any form of protest and demonstration is banned and punishable by law. ■

IS BEHEADING PERMISSIBLE UNDER ISLAMIC LAW? THE SAUDI ARABIAN DEATH PENALTY

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This comment investigates whether beheading is sanctioned under Shari'a. This comment argues that there is a distinction between the beheading of captives by terrorists and beheading as a form of capital punishment in Saudi Arabia. Beheading by terrorists is analyzed in the context of the **ISLAMIC LAW** of war with a **CLOSE READING OF THE QUR'AN** and other legal sources. **BEHEADING AS A FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS EXAMINED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN LEGAL SYSTEM.** An in-depth analysis of the Islamic law of war will focus on the rules and practices of Shari'a as embodied through the siyar. The siyar is the Islamic law of war, or, in a broader sense, the Islamic law of nations. This comment contends that beheading performed by terrorists is not permissible under Shari'a.



Revelation 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

THE SECOND ISSUE ADDRESSED IS WHETHER SHARI'A PERMITS BEHEADING IN THE CONTEXT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AS UTILIZED IN SAUDI ARABIA. THE CONCEPTS OF ISLAMIC CRIMINAL LAW ARE EXAMINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN LEGAL SYSTEM. THERE IS A SOLID BASIS IN SHARI'A FOR THE USE OF BEHEADING AS A FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. THIS COMMENT CONCLUDES THAT BEHEADING AS A FORM OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IS JUSTIFIED UNDER SHARI'A. However, beheading of captives by terrorists is not.

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NEOM: MBS' PERSONAL DYSTOPIA

By Al Mayadeen English Source: The Wall Street Journal

"I DRIVE EVERYBODY LIKE A SLAVE...WHEN THEY DROP DOWN DEAD, I CELEBRATE. THAT'S HOW I DO MY PROJECTS," BOAST NEOM'S CEO, NADHMI AL-NASR.

"IF YOU DON'T TELL ME WHO'S RESPONSIBLE, I'M GOING TO TAKE A GUN FROM UNDER MY DESK AND SHOOT YOU."

THIS IS HOW NEOM'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE NADHMI AL-NASR CONDUCTED AN EMERGENCY MEETING, ASKING HIS COMMUNICATIONS TEAM WHY THEY DIDN'T WARN HIM THAT SOME COMPANIES MAY CUT THEIR TIES WITH THE PROJECT FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA'S [HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS](#).

Most of the people involved with the meeting later left the project, forming a small sample of an exodus of foreign staff from Neom, who are leaving the project due to the abuse they suffer.

Neom is the most ambitious project sought out by the country's Crown Prince and de facto ruler, Mohammad bin Salman (MBS). According to WSJ, the project is "a

group of futuristic technology-driven communities with its own laws across an area the size of Massachusetts that the 36-year-old leader hopes will one day feature flying cars, robot dinosaurs and a giant artificial moon."

However, ***WHAT BIN SALMAN THINKS IS HIS UTOPIA IS PROVING TO BE CLOSER TO A DYSTOPIA, WHERE EMPLOYEES AND EXECUTIVES ARE MADE TO FEEL THAT THEY'RE WORTHLESS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO MEET THE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS AND DEMANDS BEING IMPOSED ON THEM BY THE PROJECT'S CEO. SOME EVEN LEFT \$500,000 A YEAR JOBS IN NEOM RATHER THAN WORK UNDER NASR, ACCORDING TO FORMER EMPLOYEES.***

In a resignation letter, one chief executive who resigned in the summer of 2020 at a planned mountain resort at Neom said that Nasr's leadership was "consistently inclusive of disparagement and inappropriately dismissive and demeaning outburst."

"When they drop down dead, I celebrate"

Current and former employees say that the staff turnover has slowed the \$500 billion project down, as Neom has only now begun breaking ground after more than ***"FIVE (5) YEARS OF PLANNING AND MULTIPLE MASTER PLANS."***

Moreover, there is a certain culture of fear among some of the executives delivering the projects, brought on by the ***JAILING OF SAUDI BUSINESSMEN AND ROYALS ON TRUMPED-UP CORRUPTION CHARGES AS PART OF [BIN SALMAN'S POWER GRAB](#). MBS ALSO MAKES UNREALISTIC DEMANDS FOR NEOM, AND OFTEN CHANGES HIS MIND, WHICH FURTHER SLOWS DOWN THE WORK PACE.***

FORMER SAUDI SPYMASTER: MBS IS A PSYCHOPATH

<https://youtu.be/acUAuAyPiXQ>

"Nadhmi takes his cue from his boss and everyone else at Neom takes their cue from Nadhmi," said Anthony Harris, former director of innovation in Neom's education team, who said that as part of the project.

“You are made to feel like you’re absolutely worthless, notwithstanding the large amount of money they are paying.”

In one meeting, Mr. Nasr told one executive to "walk into the desert to die, so he could urinate on his grave," WSJ reported.

NEOM'S CEO ALSO SAID IN A RECORDING "I DRIVE EVERYBODY LIKE A SLAVE...WHEN THEY DROP DOWN DEAD, I CELEBRATE. THAT'S HOW I DO MY PROJECTS."

VICTORY SECRETS OF ATILA THE HUN

One senior Saudi official said that bin Salman and the royal court know Nasr's management style, and are also aware of the high employee turnover at Neom, but apparently, they are under the impression that this style works.

After the Covid pandemic hit and lockdowns began in 2020, the CEO told employees stuck abroad that they were replaceable if they didn't come back to Saudi Arabia. Some never made it back.

Furthermore, employees were criticized at a town-hall meeting with Neom staff that took place in the summer of 2020 for allowing Neom to fall behind schedule. Staff were also ordered to tattle on employees' slowing progress.

One running joke in the project involved executives sharing images of a book they joked Nasr must have read "Victory Secrets of Attila the Hun", the successful business management book inspired by the exploits of the feared 5th-century leader.

Sexual misconduct

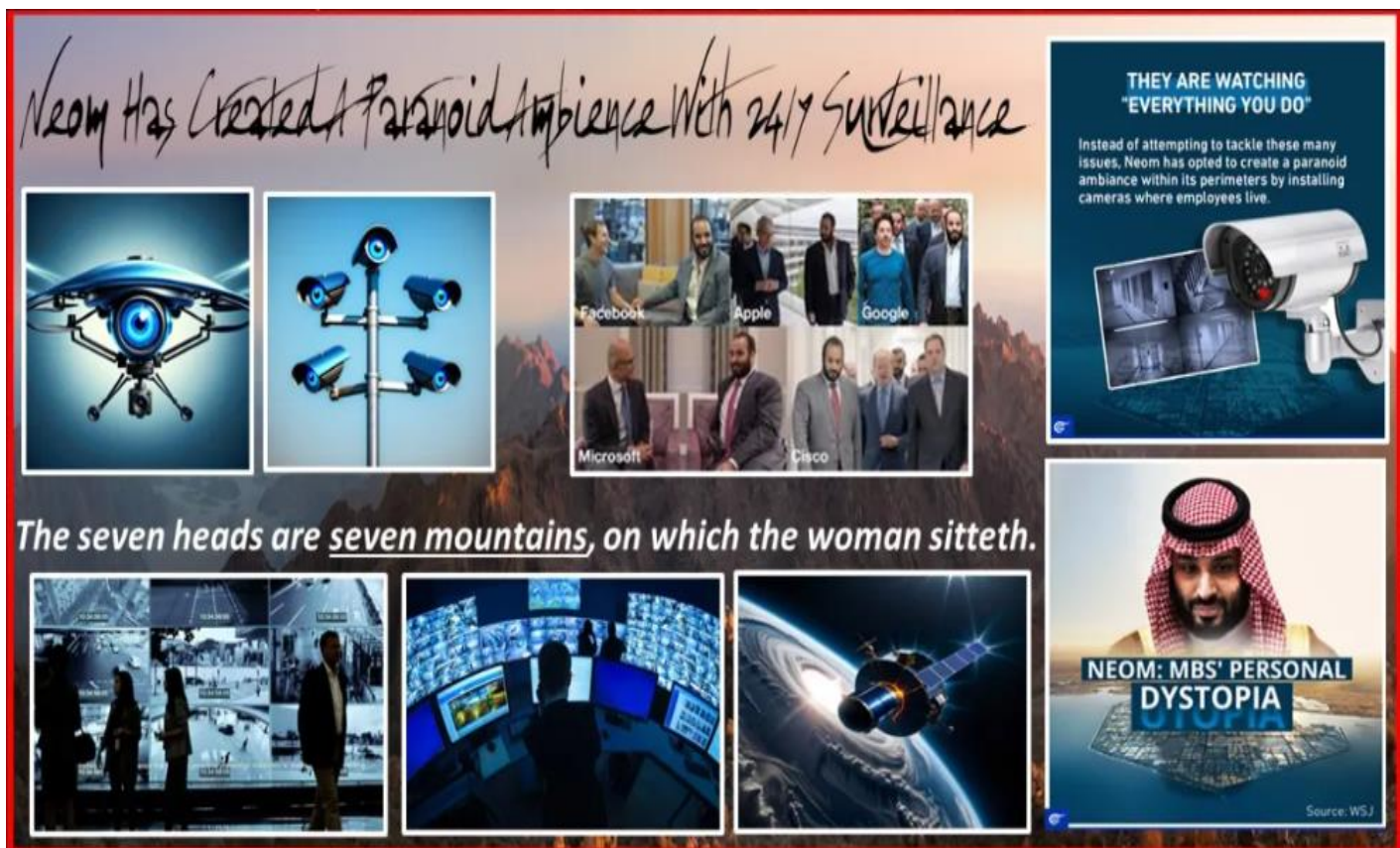
Neom, according to WSJ, aims to create a more liberal society than the rest of Saudi Arabia, following MBS' Vision 2030. However, current and former employees are saying that sexual harassment was frequent.

One female expatriate left Neom after complaining of [inappropriate behavior by her boss](#), a Western executive who is close to Nasr and remains in his position.

Another British-American former employee told Nasr in an e-mail that she believed she was fired by her boss because she refused to continue a sexual relationship with him. Human resources haven't taken any action against the said boss.

“MISOGYNY, RACISM AND ABUSIVE BEHAVIORS AREN’T JUST TOLERATED BY LEADERSHIP, THESE ABHORRENT BEHAVIORS ARE IN FACT CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED BY LEADERSHIP,” Andrew Wirth, the former chief executive of Neom’s mountain resort, said in a written statement.

Interestingly, instead of attempting to tackle these issues, ***NEOM HAS OPTED TO CREATE A PARANOID AMBIANCE WITHIN ITS PERIMETERS BY INSTALLING CAMERAS WHERE EMPLOYEES LIVE. FORMER IT EMPLOYEE WHO WAS PART OF THE MONITORING WITH THE CAMP JOSEPH WRIGHT REVEALED THAT THE CAMERAS WATCH “EVERYTHING YOU DO,” FRIGHTENING THE MANY RESIDENTS.***



UN EXPERTS DENOUNCE PLANNED SAUDI EXECUTIONS LINKED TO NEOM PROJECT

ByAl Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 4 May 2023 11:19

UN rights experts raise concerns about the Neom project amid accusations of serious abuses being committed.

UN rights experts denounced on Wednesday the pending execution of three members of a Saudi tribe, reportedly in connection with their opposition to a planned Red Sea megacity.

Three members of [Al-Huwaitat tribe](#), which inhabits the ***DESERT AREA IN NORTHWESTERN SAUDI ARABIA WHERE CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN'S \$500-BILLION FUTURISTIC MEGACITY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION***, face the "imminent risk of execution," more than a dozen independent experts warned.

"Despite being charged with terrorism, they were reportedly arrested for resisting forced evictions in the name of [the Neom project](#) and the construction of a 170-kilometre linear city called The Line," the experts said in a statement.

"When they drop down dead, I celebrate." pic.twitter.com/OW6BfrVyRz

— Al Mayadeen English (@MayadeenEnglish) [June 4, 2022](#)

The three men -- Shadly Ahmad Mahmoud Abou Taqiqa Al-Huwaiti, Ibrahim Salih Ahmad Abou Khalil Al-Huwaiti, and Atallah Moussa Mohammed Al-Huwaiti -- were reportedly sentenced to death last August 5, and their sentences were upheld on appeal on January 23, the statement pointed out.

"Under international law, states that have not yet abolished the death penalty may only impose it for the 'most serious crimes', involving intentional killing," the experts indicated.

"We do not believe the actions in question meet this threshold," said the UN experts in areas including the right to adequate housing, freedom of opinion, arbitrary executions, and torture.

According to their statement, three other members of Al-Huwaitat tribe were also sentenced to between 27 and 50 years in prison.

The experts, who are appointed by the UN Human Rights Council but do not speak on behalf of the UN, said all six had been charged under an "overly vague" 2017 anti-terrorism law.

They also demanded that Saudi authorities investigate allegations that some of the detainees had been tortured to extract confessions and to review their sentences.

"Any statement that is proven to have been made as a result of torture is inadmissible in any proceedings," they stressed.

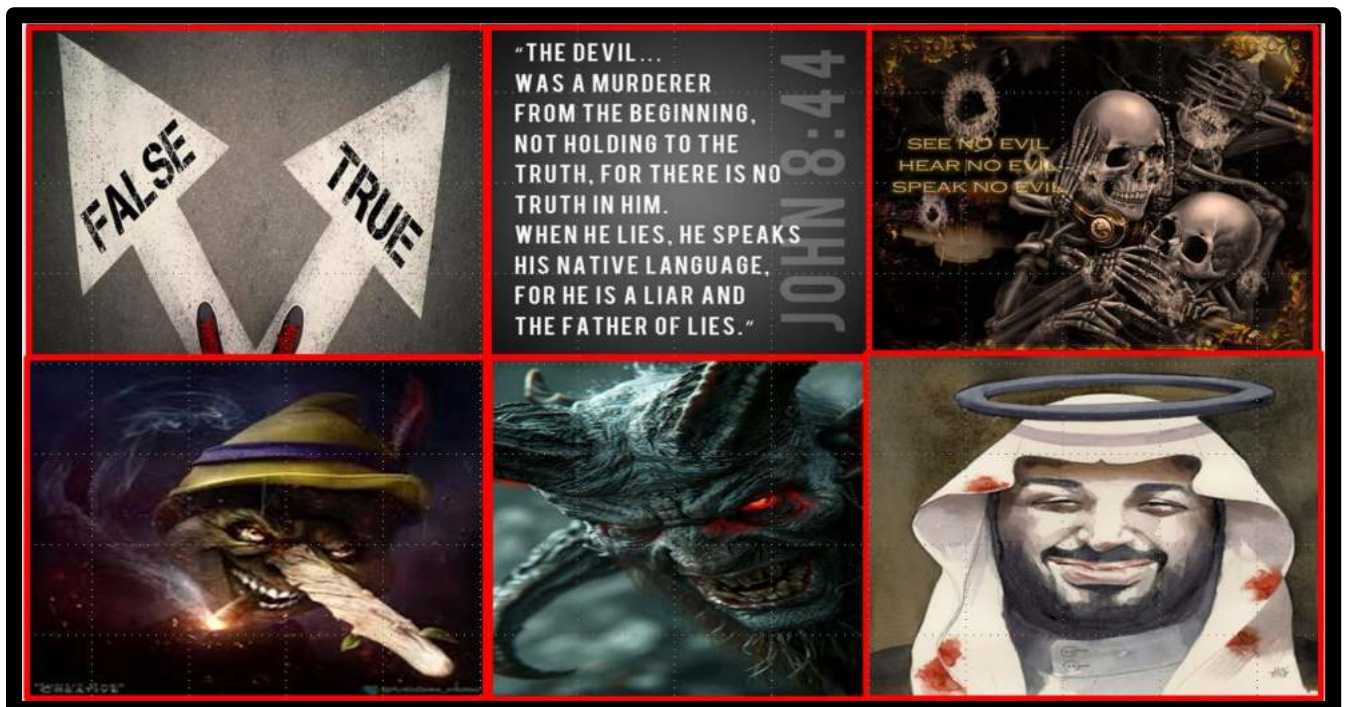
THE EXPERTS ALSO RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEOM PROJECT AS A WHOLE AMID ACCUSATIONS FROM RIGHTS GROUPS OF SERIOUS ABUSES BEING COMMITTED.

SAUDI AUTHORITIES ARE ILLEGALLY DISPLACING AL-HUWAITAT TRIBE MEMBERS FROM THEIR HOMES IN THREE VILLAGES, OFTEN WITHOUT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION, AND VIOLENTLY CRACKING DOWN ON THOSE WHO PEACEFULLY OPPOSE OR RESIST FORCIBLE EXPULSION.

In 2020, an Al-Huwaitat tribe member was gunned down after he refused to give up his land for the project.

"These actions would certainly amount to forced evictions, which are prohibited under international law as a violation of the right to adequate housing," the experts said, noting that "the actions also constitute flagrant violations of the rights to freedom of expression and access to information."

Elsewhere, the experts underlined that any companies, including foreign investors, involved in the project should "ensure they are not causing or contributing ... serious human rights abuses."



SAUDI ARABIA DENIES REPORTS ABOUT FATAL WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE KINGDOM

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Saudi Arabia's National Council for Occupational Safety and Health issued a statement on Friday ***DENYING RECENT REPORTS ABOUT HARSH WORKING CONDITIONS AND THE NUMBER FATALITIES OF LABORERS IN THE KINGDOM.***

"In reference to the misinformation circulating across various media platforms - particularly claims suggesting an increase in worker fatalities linked to working conditions in Saudi Arabia, accompanied by unfounded statistics lacking credible sources - the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health in Saudi Arabia unequivocally refuted these assertions," the council said in a statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

Several reports circulating online alleged that over 21,000 workers had died while working in Saudi Arabia in the last eight years.

However, the council said that work-related fatalities in the Kingdom stand at 1.12 per 100,000 workers, which is among the lowest globally.

Additionally, Saudi labor laws mandate that employers provide comprehensive health insurance that covers essential preventive, therapeutic, and healthcare services for all employees, the council added.

Regulations also restrict work in direct sunlight during the summer months and establish working hours in accordance with international standards, according to the council.

The statement also noted that the International Labour Organization (ILO) has acknowledged the low number of fatalities and has highlighted on its official website that Saudi Arabia has made significant advancements in improving occupational safety and health and reducing workplace accidents at the national level.

“Similar commendations have been offered by other reputable international organizations, including the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management and the British Safety Council,” the council said in the statement.

“The National Council for Occupational Safety and Health reiterated that the safety and well-being of workers are fundamental priorities in all regulations and laws implemented in Saudi Arabia,” the statement continued.



It also added that the **INITIATIVES OUTLINED IN THE SAUDI VISION 2030 PLAN PLACE “HUMAN WELL-BEING AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,”** including the National Strategic Program for Occupational Safety and Health.

The program aims to review and enhance workplace safety protocols, regulations, and legislation, the council said. The council emphasized the importance of verifying information and sourcing it from credible outlets.

UNDER FAÇADE OF FREEDOM, MBS LEADS NEW ERA OF POLITICAL REPRESSION

By Al Mayadeen English Source: The Sunday Times 29 Jan 2023 17:22

People in Saudi Arabia are being detained or imprisoned one by one, regardless of their status, and sometimes their names are made public, while other times they vanish without a trace.

While the world's eye is on Saudi Arabia for buying one of the most marketable athletes in the world [Cristiano Ronaldo](#) for £175m a year, [CROWN PRINCE MUHAMMAD BIN SALMAN](#) USHERS IN A NEW AGE OF EXTREME TYRANNY.

AN ARTICLE BY THE SUNDAY TIMES RECALLED [HEARTWRENCHING STORIES](#), TELLING THE WORLD WHAT LIFE IS LIKE UNDER THE RULE OF MBS' REPRESSIVE REGIME. SOME WILL ARGUE THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED MOST NOTABLY UNDER THE RULE OF MBS, CITING AN ENERGETIC PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN.

However, this facade is merely partial. When looking at Saudi Arabia today, you must keep two things in mind at the same time. One: MBS has marketed a social and economic change. Second, **HE HAS MADE THE COUNTRY MORE REPRESSIVE THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN.**

Whispered in Saudi Arabia

KING SALMAN, THE CROWN PRINCE'S 87-YEAR-OLD FATHER, NOMINATED HIM AS PRIME MINISTER LAST YEAR, FORMALIZING HIS EXISTING INFLUENCE OVER THE COUNTRY. UNDER HIS DE FACTO LEADERSHIP, OPPOSITION VOICES IN THE COURT, SECURITY FORCES, BUSINESS, AND THE [ROYAL FAMILY](#) HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED – JAILED, BARRED FROM TRAVELING, AND MADE TO HAND OVER SIGNIFICANT SUMS OF MONEY TO THE STATE.

THE REPORT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSTRAINED, IS NOW NON-EXISTENT. THE SAUDI NATIONAL WEALTH FUND OWNS A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN TWITTER, WHICH HAS OVER 14 MILLION ACTIVE USERS IN THE KINGDOM. HOWEVER, YOU CAN BE

IMPRISONED FOR POSTING ANYTHING THAT CRITICIZES THE ALLEGED REFORMS, INCLUDING TWEETING ABOUT THE ARRESTS OF OTHERS.



SURVEILLANCE AND
MARK OF THE BEAST.



While the world celebrated lifting the ban on female drivers, female campaigners who had spent years advocating for the change were detained. In prison, several of them were sexually harassed, beaten, and tortured with electric shocks. Some are still being held under house arrest.

Perhaps one of the famous stories of repression is the story of women's rights activist [Loujain Al-Hathloul](#) who was kept in solitary confinement for months and subjected to multiple forms of abuse, which include electric shocks, flagellation, and sexual assault, according to rights organizations.

In 2021, Al-Hathloul was released following a detainment that lasted for more than 1,000 days.

AL-HATHLOUL FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT SOME OF THE TORTURE SESSIONS TOOK PLACE IN PRESENCE OF SAUD AL-QAHTANI, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN, THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE.

This is not an isolated incident.

Nourah bint Saeed Al-Qahtani

Court records reviewed by a human rights organization show that a Saudi Arabian woman, [Nourah bint Saeed Al-Qahtani](#), has been sentenced to decades in jail for using social media to "violate the public order" by the country's "terrorism court".

In July, a specialized criminal court allegedly found Al-Qahtani guilty of "using the internet to tear [Saudi Arabia's] social fabric" and sentenced her to 45 years in prison as a result, according to documents obtained and examined by Democracy for the Arab World Now (Dawn).

Abdullah Alaoudh, the director for the Gulf region at Dawn, said **SAUDI AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO HAVE IMPRISONED QAHTANI FOR "SIMPLY TWEETING HER OPINIONS."**

Salma Al-Shehab

In August, a 34-year-old mother of two, aged four and six, [Salma Al-Shehab](#) was initially sentenced to three years in prison for the "crime" of using an internet website to "cause public unrest and destabilize civil and national security."

Shehab was not a prominent or particularly vocal Saudi activist, neither in Saudi Arabia nor in the United Kingdom.

On Instagram, where she had only 159 followers, she described herself as a dental hygienist, medical educator, Ph.D. student at Leeds University, lecturer at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, wife, and mother to her sons, Noah and Adam.

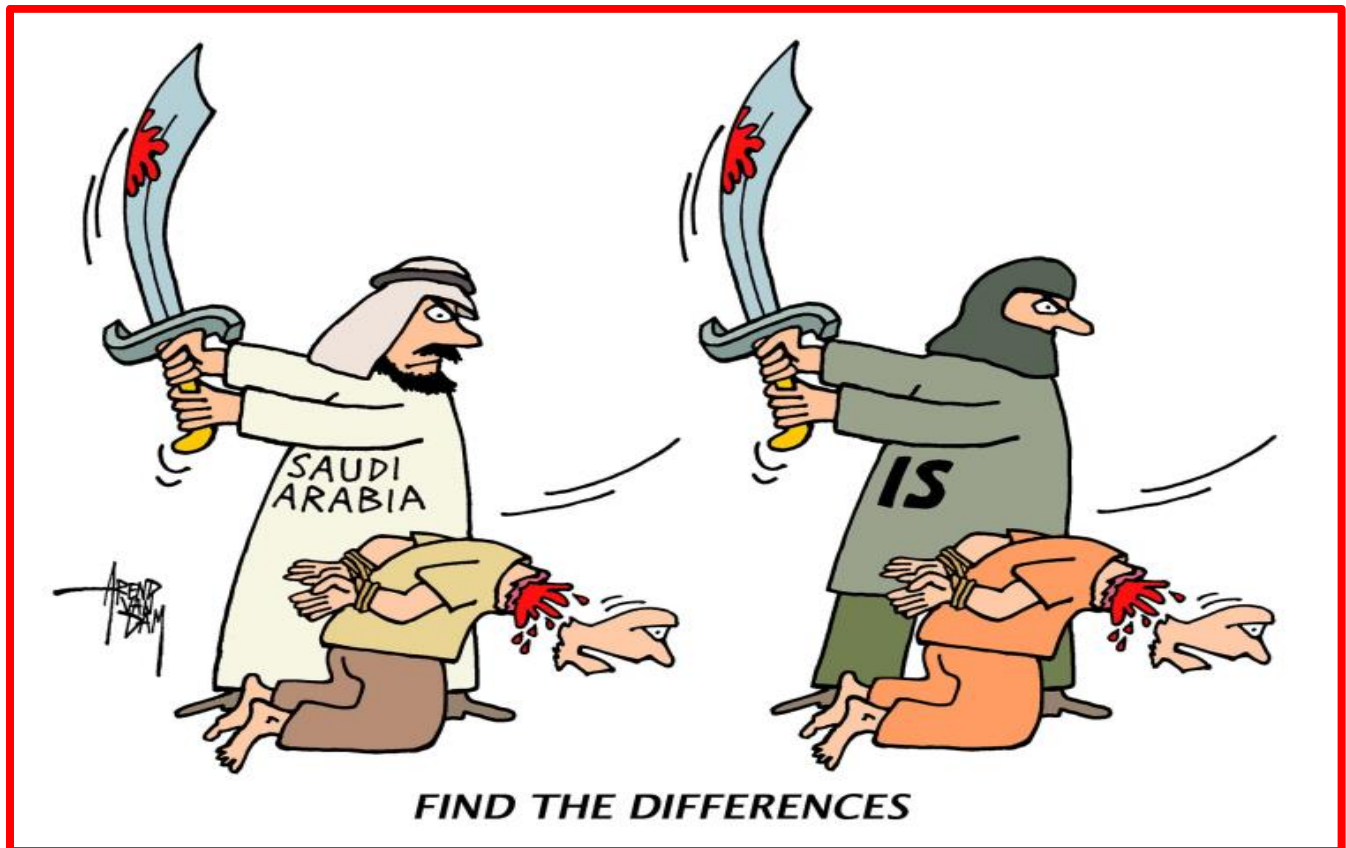
Her case was not unique. **PEOPLE IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE BEING DETAINED OR IMPRISONED ONE BY ONE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR STATUS. SOMETIMES THEIR NAMES ARE MADE PUBLIC, AND OTHER TIMES THEY VANISH WITHOUT A TRACE.**

Saad Ibrahim Almadi

In 2021, the Saudi Kingdom sentenced an American citizen to 16 years in prison for criticizing the Saudi regime in a tweet, in yet another example of **THE KINGDOM'S AGGRESSIVE CRACKDOWN ON ANY HINT OF DISSENT POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**

[Saad Ibrahim Almadi](#), 72, a dual US-Saudi national, was detained in Riyadh in November 2021 after arriving for a two-week work and personal trip in his own country.

MANY ARE NOT GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL ONCE THEY ARE IMPRISONED. TORTURE AND SEXUAL ABUSE HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED BY HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN SAUDI JAILS. PUNISHMENTS CAN BE BLOODY, PUBLIC, AND MEANT TO SEND SHOCK WAVES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM.

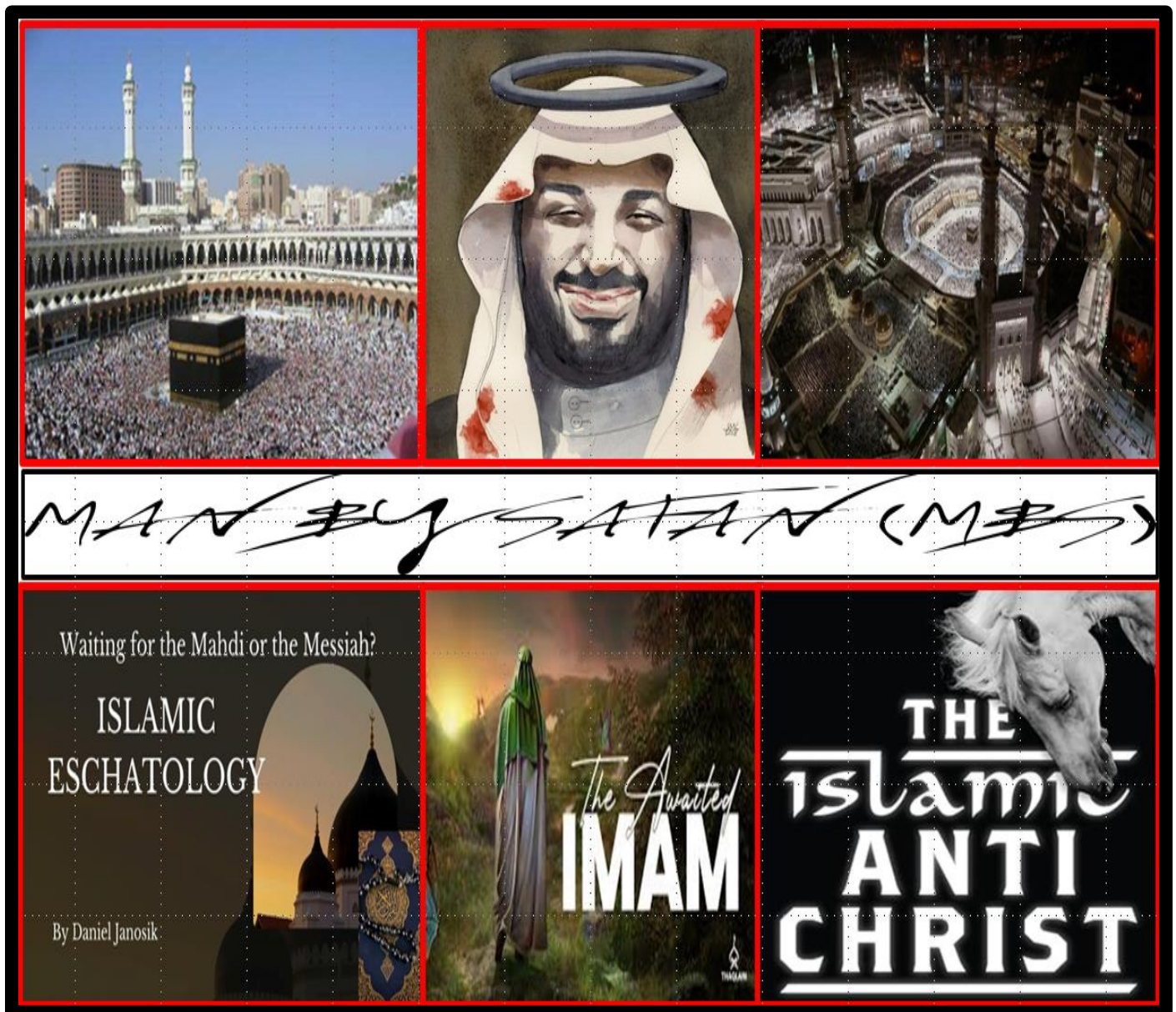


Despite MBS' promise to end the practice of executions, 12 persons convicted of drug offenses — largely foreigners — were **EXECUTED BY THE SWORD** in the weeks leading up to MDLBeast. Amnesty International described it as an "execution spree" when [81 individuals were beheaded](#) on a single day in March 2022 for a variety of offenses. Last year, 138 individuals were executed, more than double the number in 2021.

UNDER MBS' 2030 VISION: EITHER DISMEMBERED OR INCARCERATED

The body of Saudi writer [Jamal Khashoggi](#) remains missing four years after he was assassinated at the Kingdom's consulate in Istanbul by Saudi state agents.


All of the festivals, celebrations, and relaxed social constraints come at a cost: **FULL OBEDIENCE AND LOYALTY TO MBS. PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO HIM, AND HE WILL DEFEND YOU. YOU'RE IN DANGER IF YOU GET HIM WRONG, OR EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ENOUGH ABOUT HIS TRANSFORMATIONAL ENDEAVOR.**



Revelation 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And THEY WORSHIPPED THE DRAGON WHICH GAVE POWER UNTO THE BEAST: AND THEY WORSHIPPED THE BEAST, SAYING, WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.



Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and **THE PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE [BEAST, ANTICHRIST] THAT SHALL COME SHALL DESTROY THE CITY [JERUSALEM] AND THE SANCTUARY [THIRD TEMPLE]; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.**

Daniel 9:27 And **HE SHALL CONFIRM THE COVENANT WITH MANY FOR ONE WEEK: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the **OVERSPREADING OF ABOMINATIONS HE SHALL MAKE IT DESOLATE,** even until the consummation, and that determined **SHALL BE Poured UPON THE DESOLATE.****

MBS' Vision 2030 for the Kingdom includes everything from building a space-age, mirror-sided, road-free, 100-mile-long supercity — the Neom project's The Line, which is still in the planning stages, with its beaches of glow-in-the-dark sand and artificial moon — to increasing household savings among Saudi citizens through financial literacy. The Neom project is putting millions of dollars toward a British

concept to gather solar power in orbit and beam it down to Earth using high-frequency radio waves.

HOWEVER, WHAT BIN SALMAN THINKS IS HIS UTOPIA IS PROVING TO BE CLOSER TO A DYSTOPIA.

Billions of dollars have been invested in sports to whitewash the bloody acts of the repressive regime. Boxing world title fights, Formula One races, tennis, football, and golf tournaments (as well as the introduction of a professional golf tour to rival America's PGA) have all been conducted in a country that had previously held almost nothing. **SAUDI ARABIA WON THE BID TO HOST THE 2029 ASIAN WINTER GAMES IN A MOUNTAINOUS DESERT ENVIRONMENT WHERE SKI SLOPES WILL BE FORMED USING ARTIFICIALLY PRODUCED SNOW LAST YEAR.**



<https://youtu.be/KsGL7SXE7Go>

"MORE REPRESSIVE THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN"

However, the people in Saudi Arabia tell a different story. In a café in Jeddah on a winter night, **A JOURNALIST FOR THE SUNDAY TIMES MET WITH A PROMINENT SAUDI DISSIDENT. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS SAFETY AND ASKED THE JOURNALIST NOT TO USE HIS NAME, EVEN IN THIS CITY, HISTORICALLY SEEN AS MORE LIBERAL THAN RIYADH.**

“As we sit here, in about a square mile around us **FIVE (5) DOCTORS, THREE OF THEM MEDICAL DOCTORS, HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY WITHIN THE PAST SIX MONTHS,**” he said as quoted by The Sunday Times. Some, he added, had been arrested for old tweets — perhaps for criticizing the reforms. He was looking for a friend, a mother of seven, who disappeared a year and a half ago. No one knows, or at least will tell him, where she is and why she was taken. He has no idea either. **THE KINGDOM, HE STRESSED, IS MORE REPRESSIVE THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN.**

“**ALL THIS PROGRESS IS A FAÇADE AS LONG AS THERE’S NO ACCOUNTABILITY,**” he said. “Expression, dialogue, respect for law and order — this is progress. Not dancing and making everything in English ... Forget the MDLBeast, it’s all cosmetic,” he tersely stated.

ECHOING THE REPRESSED VOICE OF SAUDIS, HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE KINGDOM'S SOCIAL CHANGES ARE MERELY WINDOW DRESSING; A TECHNIQUE OF COURTING THE WEST WHILE CRACKING DOWN ON ANY CRITICISM.

In short, **THE SOCIAL COMPACT EXISTS, THE TREATY HAS BEEN SIGNED, AND ANYONE WHO VIOLATES IT WILL SUFFER THE WRATH OF THE MBS,** the article concluded.

"NO ONE IS SAFE IN SAUDI ARABIA": MBS STRIKES OFF HIS POSSIBLE RIVALS

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 28 Feb 2023 13:46

As MBS consolidates his power, repression continues to haunt Saudi citizens, including government loyalists.

In this file photo taken on October 10, 2018, **A DEMONSTRATOR DRESSED AS SAUDI ARABIAN CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN WITH BLOOD ON HIS HANDS PROTESTS OUTSIDE THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (AFP)**



The Specialized Criminal Court (SCC) in Riyadh, the entity entitled to prosecute "terrorism" cases in [Saudi Arabia](#), has charged six former prominent SCC judges and four former judges of the country's supreme court with "high treason" - a crime punishable by death in Saudi Arabia - in its first secret hearing of the case on February 16, 2023, American non-profit organization Democracy for the Arab Now (DAWN) reported.

According to sources, the government has denied the defendants legal counsel and has kept them incommunicado since their arrest on April 11, 2022.

Abdullah Alaoudh, Gulf Director at DAWN said, ***"THE SHOCKING CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST THESE JUDGES, MANY OF WHOM HAVE ISSUED EGREGIOUSLY ABUSIVE SENTENCES AGAINST SAUDI CITIZENS AT THE BEHEST OF THE CROWN PRINCE, DEMONSTRATES THAT NO ONE IS SAFE IN SAUDI ARABIA."***

"THE PROSECUTION OF THESE JUDGES IS EMBLEMATIC OF THE CROWN PRINCE'S WIDER PURGES WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND HIS ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THE JUDICIARY SUBSERVIENT SOLELY TO HIS WISHES," he tersely stated.

Executing 81 people for MBS' sake: Not good enough reason to be saved

On April 11, 2022, the Saudi State Security Agency arrested the judges. Those arrested reportedly include six judges from the SCC - Abdullah bin Khaled Al-Luhaidan, Abdulaziz bin Medawi Al-Jaber, Jundub Al-Muferrih, Abdulaziz bin Fahad Al-Dawood, Talal Al-Humaidan, Fahad Al-Sughayyer - and four judges from the High Court - Khalid bin Awaidh Al-Qahtani, Nasser bin Saud Al-Harbi, Muhammed Al-Omari, and Muhammed bin Musfir Al-Ghamdi.

Two of these SCC justices, Abdullah bin Khaled Al-Luhaidan and Abdulaziz bin Medawi Al-Jaber, were previously exposed by DAWN for their direct involvement in human rights violations in Saudi Arabia.

In December 2020, Al-Luhaidan convicted notable women's rights advocate Loujain Alhathloul on false "terrorism" accusations, while Al-Jaber sentenced a minor and many others to death, including many of those executed in the March 2022 [mass execution of 81 people](#).

Read next: [Saudi mass executions glossed over for oil](#)

[#SaudiArabia](#) goes on with its unlawful executions; 2 months after the last mass executions that shocked the whole world, Sadiq Majid Thamer and Jaafar Muhammad Sultan now face a death sentence for allegedly smuggling explosives.[#Bahrain pic.twitter.com/xcP8jvrpR3](#)

— Al Mayadeen English (@MayadeenEnglish) [May 22, 2022](#)

According to a source with knowledge of the proceedings, the arrests and prosecution of these judges bore striking parallels to earlier purges of perceived MBS rivals, and their allegations appear to be politically driven, with no serious evidence provided against the accused.

Officials from the State Security Circuit of the Public Prosecution Office charged the SCC judges after they signed confessions stating they had been too "lenient" in the State Security cases they presided over during their tenures as SCC judges, according to a source with knowledge of the trial and who said he reviewed the court documents presented against the defendants.

The [#Saudi](#) Crown Prince tightens his chokehold on Saudi royals, in scenes resembling the 2017's Ritz hotel detentions.[#MBS](#)

[#SaudiArabia pic.twitter.com/LsecBKTkK5](#)

— Al Mayadeen English (@MayadeenEnglish) [April 25, 2022](#)

Court documents mention these admissions as proof of the charges and reference them as examples of "leniency". The punishments are handed out by judges in cases involving the prosecutions of human rights defenders, peaceful dissidents, and women's rights activists.

Among the additional claims leveled against them is "complacency with state security criminals," according to the source, though it is unclear whether this is a cognizable felony under Saudi law, or whether it would fit the requirements of international law if it were.

According to the same source, the judge presiding over the trial of these ten judges is Awad Al-Ahmari, who was previously probed for his abuses; he was chosen to lead the SCC by royal decree on June 9, 2013.

'NOTHING PROTECTS A SAUDI CITIZEN'

Following the arrest of these judges, ***MBS REPLACED THEM ON JUNE 20 WITH HIS "LOYALISTS", WHO HAVE SINCE REVIEWED A NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND TWITTER COMMENTERS AND DRASTICALLY INCREASED THEIR PUNISHMENTS.***

For example, the SCC, now led by these freshly appointed justices, overturned lower court verdicts of eight and thirteen years in prison, respectively, against two Saudi women, [Salma Al-Shehab](#) and [Nourah Al-Qahtani](#), for their use of social media.

The imprisonment and trial of the judges appear to be devoid of basic due process safeguards. On February 23, 2023, a source who attended the trial and was familiar with the arrests said, as quoted by Dawn, that state security authorities detained the judges incommunicado for 10 months, refusing them access to their families and counsel.

The same source also attended the trial, stressing that the government denied the defendants legal counsel and that one of the judges was just taken to an intensive care unit owing to major health difficulties.

THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION HAS CALLED FOR SAUDI JUDGES TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR VIOLATING HUMAN, LEGAL, AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, AS WELL AS THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN FACILITATING OFFICIAL REPRESSION OF SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS, AND DEMOCRACY CAMPAIGNERS.

The organization further opposes the apparent arbitrary arrests and lack of due process displayed by several of the judges recently charged with "high treason".

At the very least, the Saudi authorities should allow the accused access to counsel and family visits, as per the organization.

Yet, given that Saudi prosecutors lack any prosecutorial independence and the SCC's record demonstrates that it is not a fair and unbiased court, the government should immediately release the prisoners, it added.

"NOTHING PROTECTS A SAUDI CITIZEN'S BASIC RIGHTS TO LIFE AND FREEDOM, NOT EVEN BLINDLY OBEYING THE CROWN PRINCE'S DICTATES OR CARRYING OUT HIS DIRTY WORK BY SENTENCING HIS CRITICS TO LENGTHY PRISON TERMS," said Alaoudh.



"BY PROSECUTING THESE JUDGES, MBS IS SENDING A MESSAGE TO EVERY JUDGE IN THE COUNTRY THAT THEY HAVE TO BE AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE FATE OF THEIR VICTIMS," he added.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH REPORT REVEALS NEW DETAILS ABOUT TORTURE IN SAUDI PRISONS

Prepared By: Al Mayadeen 18 Jul 2021 14:03

HRW has obtained anonymous text messages from Saudi prison guards describing harrowing scenes against high-profile detainees in mid-to-late-2018.

**New Details of Alleged
Torture in Saudi Prisons
Leaked**

**ACCUSATIONS OF
TORTURE INCLUDE:**

- ELECTRIC SHOCKS
- BEATING
- WHIPPING
- WATERBOARDING
- SEXUAL HARASSMENT
- ILL-TREATMENT

**DETAINÉES
INCLUDE:**

Women's rights activist
LOUJAIN AL-HATHLOUL

Human rights activist
MOHAMMED AL-RABEA

“ Letting abusers off the hook sends the message that they can torture with impunity and never face accountability for such crimes.”

Michael Page, Deputy Director in the Middle East and North Africa division at Human Rights Watch

SAUDI ARABIAN HUNTED BY MBS AT RISK AMID REGIONAL SHIFTS

ByAl Mayadeen English Source: Intelligence Online 18 Apr 2023 16:14

A new report reveals that Salah Fustok, the keeper of secrets of the Saudi Arabian National Guard's (SANG) military contracts, has fled to Beirut, but regional shifts could impact his decision to stay.

Saudi Arabian national Salah Fustok, the main negotiator of the Saudi Arabian National Guard's (SANG) military contracts, had found refuge in Lebanon at a time when ***CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HUNTED HIM***, but regional shifts could mean that he is no longer safe in Beirut.

Intelligence Online published a report revealing that MbS's "investigators are still on the hunt for Salah Fustok" who is a fugitive in Beirut. Fustok used to serve as the primary negotiator of arms contracts for SANG under the Kingship of Abdullah bin Abdulaziz. ***NOW TURNED FUGITIVE, FUSTOK, ACCORDING TO INTELLIGENCE ONLINE, "HOLDS SECRETS ABOUT MANY WESTERN DEFENSE COMPANIES' BUSINESS DEALINGS IN SAUDI ARABIA."***

In an [earlier report in 2022](#), Intelligence Online published a report which disclosed that MbS had " issued an arrest warrant" for Fustok, and ***HE CONTINUES TO SEEK FUSTOK OUT IN AN EFFORT TO "EXTRACT" THE LAST-REMAINING DETAILS ON THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE NOW-DECEASED KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ.***

Fustok was in charge of approving all defense contracts under King Abdullah and was the uncle of the King's son, Muteb bin Abdullah, who served as commander of SANG until he was deposed by MbS in 2017. Last year's report noted that Muteb was under house arrest and could not leave the Kingdom given that he was also caught up in ***THE [ROYAL FAMILY'S POLITICAL PURGE LAUNCHED BY BIN SALMAN.](#)***

Can Beirut remain a safe haven?

The newly released report argued that while Beirut has been a safe haven for Fustok, the recently signed agreement between [Iran and Saudi Arabia](#) could soon have implications on the Lebanese-Saudi Arabian relationships. In that

sense, Intelligence Online explained that the changing regional relations could result in possible legal cooperation between Beirut and Riyadh.

In case that development between Lebanon and the Kingdom does happen, then the Fustok clan, Intelligence Online stated, would likely choose to move to either France or the UK, given the extensive relationships Fustok has in both Paris and London. It is worth noting that Intelligence Online claimed to have conducted a comprehensive investigation into Fustok's military-financial empire.

NUMEROUS SAUDI ROYALS WHO HAVE EITHER BEEN BANISHED OR ARE WAITING THINGS OUT BEFORE RETURNING TO RIYADH UNDER MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS ALREADY CALL FRANCE AND THE UK HOME. However, Intelligence Online recognizes a main issue in such a plan for Fustok, and it's that both Paris and London hope that MbS would negotiate fresh contracts with their defense companies.



FORMER SAUDI SPYMASTER: MBS IS A "PSYCHOPATH" WHO PLANNED TO KILL KING ABDULLAH

By Al Mayadeen Source: CBS 25 Oct 2021 13:09



IN A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS AND ACCUSATIONS AGAINST SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN, FORMER SAUDI OFFICIAL SAAD AL-JABRI BREAKS HIS SILENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE ESCAPED THE KINGDOM IN 2017.

al-jabri: bin salman planned to kill king abdullah with a russian poison...he is mentally ill

FORMER SAUDI SPYMASTER SAAD AL-JABRI SAID THAT SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN IS A "PSYCHOPATH WITH NO EMPATHY, [WHO] DOESN'T FEEL EMOTION," AND "NEVER LEARNS FROM HIS EXPERIENCE."

"I AM HERE TO SOUND THE ALARM ABOUT A PSYCHOPATH, KILLER, IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH INFINITE RESOURCES, WHO POSES THREAT TO HIS PEOPLE, TO THE AMERICANS AND TO THE PLANET," SAYS FORMER SAUDI SPY SAAD ALJABRI ABOUT SAUDI CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN.

<https://t.co/sMleGwQpsr>

<pic.twitter.com/XSgxH5r3DL>

— 60 Minutes (@60Minutes) [October 24, 2021](#)

In an interview with "60 Minutes" on CBS, he claimed to have two recordings of Mohammad bin Salman wherein he says he wanted to kill King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, adding that MBS spoke in 2014 with Mohammad bin Nayef, the former crown prince, about **ASSASSINATING KING ABDULLAH WITH A POISON RING HE ACQUIRED FROM RUSSIA, AND THE MATTER WAS DEALT WITH WITHIN THE ROYAL FAMILY.**

He declared he didn't know "whether he's just bragging," but bin Salman told bin Nayef "I want to assassinate King Abdullah. I got a poison ring from Russia. It's enough for me just to shake his hand."

Former Saudi spymaster Saad Aljabri says Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman fears what he knows, including Aljabri's claim that there was a 2014 meeting in which MBS said he could kill the sitting king using a poison ring he obtained from Russia. <https://t.co/mJjPd6NOx3>

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— 60 Minutes (@60Minutes) [October 24, 2021](#)

AL-JABRI CLAIMED THAT BIN SALMAN ASKED HIM TO KIDNAP SAUDI PRINCES OPPOSED TO HIM LIVING IN EUROPE, WHICH THE SPYMASTER REFUSED TO DO, LEADING THE CROWN PRINCE TO BEGIN RELYING ON HIS OWN TEAM OF MEN.

Regarding the assassination of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, Al-Jabri revealed that bin Salman's men are criminals who want to fulfill their objectives by any means necessary, and don't care about being professional.

He said that he received a warning to never be in the "proximity of any Saudi mission in Canada" and not to go to the consulate or the embassy. When he inquired as to why, he was told they dismembered the journalist and killed him, and that al-Jabri was "on the top of the list."

"The warning I received... 'don't go to the consulate. Don't go to the embassy,'" says a former Saudi spy. In legal filings, he says a team was sent to Canada to kill him after Jamal Khashoggi's murder in a Saudi Consulate in Turkey.

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— 60 Minutes (@60Minutes) [October 24, 2021](#)

AL-JABRI FURTHER CLAIMED THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE KILLED ONE DAY, BECAUSE BIN SALMAN FEARS THE INFORMATION HE HAS AND WILL NOT REST UNTIL HE SEES HIM DEAD, ADDING THAT HE RECORDED A VIDEO CONTAINING MANY SECRETS AND INFORMATION, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IF HE WAS EVER KILLED.

"I EXPECT TO BE KILLED ONE DAY BECAUSE [PRINCE MOHAMMED] WILL NOT REST...UNTIL HE [SEES] ME DEAD," SAYS FORMER SAUDI SPYMASTER SAAD ALJABRI.

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— 60 Minutes (@60Minutes) [October 24, 2021](#)

The former spymaster demanded the release of his children, Omar and Sara, from the kingdom, pleading with the people of the US and the Biden administration to help save his children and aid them to regain their lives.

He brought up the kidnapping of former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri, saying that Mohammad bin Salman invited him to Saudi Arabia and kidnapped him.

As for the war on Yemen, he noted that bin Salman is killing thousands of civilians in this war, an act which Human Rights Watch equated to war crimes, and added that the Crown Prince has committed multiple crimes and massacres.

Al-Jabri denied accusations against him of embezzling funds from Saudi Arabia, saying he served the royal family for close to two decades, with three kings and four crown princes. He stated that they were very generous and kind to him, which is a royal custom, as they take care of those around them.

Saudi entities are suing Saad Aljabri in Canada and the U.S., claiming he stole millions from the country's counterterrorism budget. A Canadian judge has frozen Aljabri's assets, finding "overwhelming evidence of fraud." Aljabri denies the theft claims.

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— 60 Minutes (@60Minutes) [October 24, 2021](#)

The Saudi embassy in Washington released a statement two days ago, saying that Al-Jabri is an incredible government official, with a long history of making up claims and diverting attention away from the financial crimes he committed, estimated to be in the billions of dollars, to provide a luxurious lifestyle for his family and himself.

The statement added that al-Jabri did not deny his crimes, but in fact pointed out that robbery was acceptable at the time, although it was not; it was not legal at the time, nor is it now.

Al-Jabri escaped from Saudi Arabia to Turkey, then to Canada in 2017, and was the #2 man in former Crown Prince Mohammad bin Nayef's team.

BLOOMBERG: MBS TO BLAME FOR SAUDI SHAME IN YEMEN

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Bloomberg 12 Apr 2023 16:35

MBS's first attempt into foreign policy proved to be a massive failure, a new report by Bloomberg argues. A mother holds her malnourished child at a hospital in Sanaa, Yemen, on Oct. 6 in 2018. (Reuters)



Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) is hoping that no one would notice that his first foray into [foreign policy](#) has been a complete disaster following **EIGHT YEARS OF A BRUTAL WAR ON YEMEN**, a new analysis by Bloomberg states.

SAUDI ARABIA'S DE FACTO RULER WOULD PREFER THAT WE ALL PAY ATTENTION TO HIS RISING ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS AS HE ATTEMPTS TO PRESENT HIMSELF AS A MEDIATING POWER IN THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE, ENGAGING THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO FIND A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE AGREEMENT, the report ponders.



MBS DECIDED TO ENGAGE IN A NEEDLESS MIDDLE EASTERN WAR THAT HAS LED TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN CRISES AND LEFT MORE THAN 200,000 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.



Yemen has constantly affirmed that [Saudi Arabia is not a mediator](#) in the peace proposal but a major party in the conflict.

The story coming out of Riyadh is consistent with the notion that MBS is merely (and wisely) reacting to shifting American foreign policy goals. Saudi Arabia can no longer rely on the American security blanket and must make alternative arrangements, such as coming to an agreement with Iran and leaving the conflict in Yemen, as a string of presidents made it their mission to remove the US from the Middle East, as per the report.

Bloomberg further asserts that ***THE PRINCE, AS MUCH AS ANY PRESIDENT, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ERODING OF THE TIES THAT HAVE BOUND RIYADH AND WASHINGTON FOR THE BEST PART OF EIGHT DECADES.***

MBS CHOSE TO LAUNCH HIS BRUTAL AGGRESSION ON YEMEN WHEN HE WAS ONLY 30 YEARS OLD AND HAD RECENTLY BEEN NAMED DEFENSE MINISTER, AND

PLACED HIMSELF IN CHARGE OF AN ARAB ALLIANCE that comprised Bahrain, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates, with the [US](#) being heavily engaged in the kingdom's war against its neighbor and billions of dollars spent.

The military operations of the coalition were given impressive names like "Decisive Storm" and "Restoring Hope," and MBS was sure that they could accomplish their objectives in a matter of months with very few troops on the ground. A sea blockade would isolate Yemenis, and they would be bombed into submission from the air. The US provided information and logistics support, as well as military equipment to the Saudis and Emiratis.

"MBS'S LARGER GOAL WAS TO INAUGURATE AN ERA OF MUSCULAR SAUDI FOREIGN POLICY, directed mainly at Iran," the report explains.

However, US-backed Saudi airpower was ineffective in deterring Yemenis. And as the war continued, **THOUSANDS OF CIVILIAN LIVES WERE LOST AND MILLIONS WERE LEFT HOMELESS.** In short, **YEMEN, ONE OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, HAS BEEN [DESTROYED](#), AND NONE OF THE MBS'S ALLEGED' GOALS WERE ACHIEVED.**

"Rather than warn off Iran, the conflict deepened the Islamic Republic's involvement," the analysis acknowledged.

MBS was willing to give up after [attacks on Saudi production facilities](#) in the fall of 2019 disrupted almost 5% of the world's oil supply and raised prices. Yemenis held the upper hand and were not about to back down. They only consented to a [ceasefire that was mediated](#) by the UN last year.

The Saudis started negotiations with Iran under [Iraqi mediation](#) in an effort to break their seven-year diplomatic standstill. The two parties announced their decision to reestablish relations last month. The US was unprepared for the reconciliation: The Wall Street Journal reported that the Biden administration was blindsided by Riyadh's agreement with Tehran.

The agreement represented a significant victory for Iran and, consequently, for Yemen, the paper added. Riyadh has further hinted that it is willing to get along with [Bashar al-Assad](#), the President of Syria.

It is significant that the [Saudi negotiators](#) had to travel to Sanaa to request conditions to terminate the kingdom's involvement. What can they possibly expect? The goal of MBS to restore Abd Rabbuh Mansour Hadi as president appears to be a distant memory. Instead, a buffer zone between the two nations is top on the Saudi list of demands, though even that is little more than a fig leaf given Yemen's expanding arsenal of missiles and drones.

"No matter how they spin it in Riyadh, this is a humiliation for MBS. And the prince has only himself to blame," the analysis concluded.

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SAUDI ARABIA FACES FORCED LABOR ACCUSATIONS AHEAD OF FIFA WC DECISION

By Al Mayadeen English Source: The Guardian 5 Jun 2024 23:26

Lodged by the trade union BWI, the complaint alleges that migrant workers in Saudi Arabia are subjected to numerous labor rights violations.



Saudi Arabia, the anticipated host for the 2034 World Cup, **FACES SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF EXTENSIVE USE OF FORCED LABOR AMONG ITS SUBSTANTIAL MIGRANT WORKFORCE**, The Guardian news website reported on Wednesday.



These accusations have been formally lodged in a complaint before the United Nations' International Labour Organization (ILO).

THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES THAT MIGRANT WORKERS IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE SUBJECTED TO NUMEROUS LABOR RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING NON-PAYMENT OF WAGES, PASSPORT CONFISCATION, ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT FEES, DEBT BONDAGE, AND RESTRICTIONS ON CHANGING JOBS FREELY.

'AN EPIDEMIC OF ABUSES'

The trade union Building and Wood Workers' International (BWI), which filed the complaint, described the situation as "an epidemic of abuses," **CONSTITUTING**

FORCED LABOR, PLACING SAUDI ARABIA IN VIOLATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE UN'S FORCED LABOR CONVENTIONS.

BWI's complaint includes a survey of 193 migrant workers who had worked or are working in Saudi Arabia, revealing that 65% reported their employer withheld access to personal documents like passports and 63% stated they were unable to terminate their employment with reasonable notice or leave when their contract expired.

"SAUDI ARABIA, WHERE TRADE UNIONS ARE BANNED, BLATANTLY DISREGARDS INTERNATIONAL LABOR STANDARDS AND FAILS TO COMPENSATE MIGRANT WORKERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSES FOR OVER A DECADE," indicated Ambet Yuson, BWI's general secretary.

Representing approximately 12 million workers, BWI is urging the ILO to investigate these alleged violations. The complaint is backed by organizations including, Human Rights Watch (HRW), Amnesty International, and FairSquare, which focuses on human rights abuses related to labor migration and sports.

This complaint surfaces just months before the international football governing body FIFA is expected to award the 2034 World Cup hosting rights to Saudi Arabia. This development is likely to increase pressure on ***FIFA, WHICH ALREADY FACES CALLS TO DISQUALIFY SAUDI ARABIA FROM HOSTING THE TOURNAMENT IF IT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH ITS HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS.***

FIFA's bidding rules for the 2030 and 2034 World Cups require host countries to commit to "respecting internationally recognized human rights."

'Truly historic filing'

"The complaint effectively says that Saudi has no meaningful protections against forced labor," pointed out Minky Worden, HRW's director of global initiatives.

She highlighted that "this is a truly historic filing and may be the only significant roadblock to Fifa's coronation of Saudi Arabia as the 2034 World Cup host."

"Fifa must answer how it will assess and mitigate migrant labor rights risks as required by its human rights policy," Worden added.

The international football governing body "could provide a much-needed spur for labor reform" by demanding binding human rights agreements before finalizing the 2034 tournament host, emphasized Steve Cockburn, Amnesty International's head of economic and social justice.

He warned that failing to do so would almost certainly ensure forced labor remains integral to its major event.

The Guardian recalled that in 2014, the International Trade Union Confederation filed a similar complaint against Qatar, which led to a partnership between the ILO and the 2022 World Cup host to reform its labor laws.

According to the news website, the process resulted in significant changes, such as largely dismantling the kafala (sponsorship) system in the Gulf country and introducing a minimum wage, though the impact of these reforms remains debated.

THE GUARDIAN NOTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA HEAVILY RELIES ON MIGRANT WORKERS, PRIMARILY FROM SOUTH ASIA AND PARTS OF AFRICA, WITH OVER 13 MILLION FOREIGN WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY, EXPLAINING THAT THESE NUMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY FOR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IF SAUDI ARABIA IS AWARDED THE WORLD CUP.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHES A SHOCKING REPORT ON SAUDI ARABIA

18 Dec 2022 16:28

Amnesty International slammed Saudi Arabia in a damning report over their human rights violations against Ethiopian migrants subjected to Saudi brutality on a daily basis.

<https://youtu.be/4iOVgFr3p-U>

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CALLS ON RONALDO TO ADDRESS HUMAN RIGHTS IN KSA

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 4 Jan 2023 23:35

A researcher at Amnesty Middle East says that Cristiano Ronaldo should not allow his fame and celebrity status to become a tool of Saudi sportswashing.

Cristiano Ronaldo holding his Al Nassr Saudi football club shirt following the signing announcement (Al Nassr Twitter account)

Portugal's football star Cristiano Ronaldo was urged to openly address the human rights issues in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia after he recently [joined the Saudi Al Nassr football club](#).

Ronaldo last Friday signed for Al Nassr until June 2025 in a deal believed to be worth more than 200 million euros.

The 37-year-old is expected to appear before fans on Thursday, an official from the Al Nassr club told AFP earlier.

History in the making. This is a signing that will not only inspire our club to achieve even greater success but inspire our league, our nation and future generations, boys and girls to be the best version of themselves. Welcome [@Cristiano](#) to your new home

[@AlNassrFC](#)

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— AlNassr FC (@AlNassrFC_EN) [December 30, 2022](#)

Ronaldo heads to the Gulf after a year that saw him relegated to the [bench for Portugal](#) and parting ways with Manchester United after the Portuguese star gave an explosive TV interview in which he said he felt "betrayed" by the club and had [no respect for coach Erik ten Hag](#).

The English club terminated his contract while Ronaldo was with Portugal at the World Cup.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERED HIS SIGNING AS PART OF A "WIDER PATTERN OF SPORTSWASHING" IN THE KINGDOM.

"Instead of offering uncritical praise of Saudi Arabia, Ronaldo should use his considerable public platform to draw attention to human rights issues in the country," stated Dana Ahmed, a researcher at Amnesty Middle East.

"Saudi Arabia regularly executes people for crimes including murder, rape, and drug smuggling. On a single day last year, 81 people were put to death, many of whom were tried in grossly unfair trials," Ahmed said.

"THE AUTHORITIES ARE ALSO CONTINUING THEIR CRACKDOWN ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND ASSOCIATION, WITH HEAVY PRISON SENTENCES HANDED DOWN TO HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, AND OTHER POLITICAL ACTIVISTS," she added.

The researcher believed that "Cristiano Ronaldo should not allow his fame and celebrity status to become a tool of Saudi's sportswashing. He should use his time at Al Nassr to speak out about the myriad of human rights issues in the country."

Only hours after Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo penned a two-year contract with Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr club, crowds flocked to a football kit store in Riyadh to buy ***THE FIVE (5) -TIME BALLON D'OR WINNER'S NEW CLUB JERSEY.***

An unprecedented rush at the Al Nassr kit store started as soon as reports of the deal were leaked to the local press on Friday night - hours before the official announcement.



SAUDI ARABIA WHITEWASHES ITS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WITH ENTERTAINMENT - HRW

By Al Mayadeen Net Source: Human Rights Watch 3 Dec 2021 00:17

AS SAUDI ARABIA ATTEMPTS TO COVER UP ITS CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH HAS RELEASED A REPORT EXPOSING THEIR BILLION-DOLLAR PLANS TO WHITEWASH THEIR CRIMES WITH ENTERTAINMENT.

A report by the Human Rights Watch contends that **SAUDI ARABIA IS FUNNELING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS AIMED AT WHITEWASHING ITS HORRENDOUS SLATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, FROM TORTURE REPORTS, TO MURDERING JOURNALISTS, TO EXECUTING DISSIDENTS.**

Most recently, the Kingdom has been using the Formula One Saudi Arabian Grand Prix and its corresponding entertainment performances by renowned artists like Justin Bieber and A\$AP Rocky to polish its image in the international arena,

DIVERTING ITS CONTROVERSIAL REPUTATION TO A MORE MODERATE ONE AS PLANNED BY MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HIMSELF.

“THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS GOING ALL OUT TO BURY ITS EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BENEATH PUBLIC SPECTACLES AND SPORTING EVENTS,” said Michael Page, Deputy Middle East Director at HRW. “Unless they express concerns over Saudi Arabia’s serious abuses, Formula One and **PARTICIPATING PERFORMERS RISK BOLSTERING THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT’S WELL-FUNDED EFFORTS TO WHITWASH ITS IMAGE** despite a significant increase in repression over the last few years.”

This is an intricate plan: With the **VISION 2030 THAT MBS SET FOR SAUDI ARABIA**, in 2016, a General Entertainment Authority was created, and billions of dollars were used to invest in the local entertainment industry. **SIXTY-FOUR BILLION DOLLARS WERE PLANNED TO BE INVESTED IN MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, ART, FILM, AND MORE, COMPLEMENTING SPORTS, TOURISM, AND CULTURE MINISTRIES.**

In the 2021 Grand Prix set to take place between December 3 and 5, Saudi Arabia reels in Justin Bieber, Jason Derulo, A\$AP Rocky, and David Guetta.

Those who have already stamped their passports into the entertainment 'circus' are **ENRIQUE IGLESIAS, MARIAH CAREY, ANDREA BOCELLI, JANET JACKSON, 50 CENT, JENNIFER LOPEZ, AND DAVID GUETTA, IN ADDITION TO MAJOR EVENTS LIKE THE SAUDI INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND WWE.**

While forming new laws that cater to women's rights is good for PR, it does not make **SAUDI ARABIA'S AGGRESSION AND HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN YEMEN LOOK SUBTLE. KILLING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, SCHOOLS, MARKETPLACES, HOSPITALS, HOMES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE WERE ALL BOMBED AND DESTROYED BY THE SAUDI-LED COALITION.**

Social media activists have recently pressured artists like [Justin Bieber to avoid performing in the Kingdom](#), turning a blind eye to the human rights abuses. Previously, rapper Nicki Minaj and model Emily Ratajkowski, and WWE star John Cena have taken a stance and rejected participating in events in Saudi Arabia.

SAUDI BORDER GUARDS MASSACRE AFRICAN MIGRANTS ON DAILY BASIS, YEMEN

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 12 Nov 2022 19:15

Al-Masirah **YEMENI NEWS CHANNEL REVEALS FOOTAGE OF ETHIOPIAN MIGRANTS MURDERED BY SAUDI BORDER GUARDS AND CITES SURVIVORS STATING THAT IT THE MASSACRES ARE CARRIED OUT DAILY.**



The Yemeni Al-Masirah news channel on Saturday revealed footage it said was of a **"MASS GRAVE CONTAINING DOZENS OF AFRICAN VICTIMS KILLED BY SAUDI BORDER GUARDS."**

The footage shows Saudi border guards filtering out dozens of Ethiopian migrants, believed to have been taken in the moments before they were killed.

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— قناة الميادين (@AlMayadeenNews) [November 12, 2022](https://twitter.com/AlMayadeenNews/status/1591234567890)

"SAUDI BORDER GUARDS SHOOT DIRECTLY, OFTEN USING MORTARS, TO ELIMINATE MIGRANTS GATHERINGS," one survivor noted.

Ethiopian migrants confirmed to the channel that, "**THE SAUDI BORDER GUARDS KILL ABOUT FIVE (5) MIGRANTS AT THE BORDER EVERY DAY** and injure many more."

SAUDI ARABIA BORDER GUARDS COMMIT MASS KILLINGS OF MIGRANTS AT YEMEN BORDER

<https://youtu.be/f90vwqCYU1c>

The channel quoted African survivors of the massacre saying that "**SAUDI SOLDIERS DELIBERATELY ELECTROCUTED DOZENS OF ETHIOPIAN MIGRANTS IN A ROOM WHERE THEY WERE GATHERED.**"



'LIKE RAIN': SAUDI FORCES KILLED HUNDREDS OF ETHIOPIAN MIGRANTS - HRW

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Human Rights Watch 21 Aug 2023 14:06

The Human Rights Watch says ***HUNDREDS OF ETHIOPIAN MIGRANTS WERE KILLED BY SAUDI BORDER GUARDS THROUGH DIRECT FIRE AND SHELLING SINCE LAST YEAR.***



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“They Fired on Us Like Rain”

Saudi Arabian Mass Killings of Ethiopian Migrants
at the Yemen-Saudi Border

Screengrab from a Human Rights Watch video showing Ethiopian migrants and asylum seekers in Yemen heading toward the Saudi border (HRW)

Hundreds of Ethiopian migrants, ***OR POSSIBLY "THOUSANDS", HAVE BEEN KILLED BY SAUDI BORDER GUARDS SINCE 2022, WHO OPENED FIRE "LIKE RAIN" ON THE CIVILIANS TRYING TO CROSS THROUGH YEMEN INTO THE KINGDOM TO ESCAPE THE ATROCITIES OF REGIONAL WARS,*** Human Rights Watch said in a report Monday.

"Saudi officials are killing hundreds of migrants and asylum seekers in this remote border area out of view of the rest of the world," HRW researcher Nadia Hardman said.

While Riyadh said the claims were "unfounded", previous ***SIMILAR INCIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED SUGGEST THAT INHUMANE PRACTICES AGAINST MIGRANTS ARE A FREQUENT OCCURRENCE.***

Ethiopian migrants said they came across Ansar Allah members on their journey, but ***THEY WERE ONLY TARGETED BY SAUDI FORCES.***

The organization said, ***"SUCH KILLINGS WOULD BE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY" IF THEY ARE BOTH "WIDESPREAD AND SYSTEMATIC" AND ARE PART OF A "STATE POLICY OF DELIBERATE MURDER OF A CIVILIAN POPULATION."***

"Spending billions buying up professional golf, football clubs, and major entertainment events to improve the Saudi image should not deflect attention from these horrendous crimes," Hamdan added, referring to ***THE SPORTSWASHING CAMPAIGN THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS ENGAGED IN RECENTLY.***

A Saudi unnamed official told AFP, "The allegations included in the Human Rights Watch report about Saudi border guards shooting Ethiopians while they were crossing the Saudi-Yemeni border are unfounded and not based on reliable sources."

SAUDI FILM FESTIVAL ANOTHER FACET TO WHITEWASH HORRENDOUS RIGHTS ABUSES

By Al Mayadeen Net Source: The Guardian + Agencies 14 Dec 2021 23:34



An article written in The Guardian reveals a number of critics' takes on how **SAUDI ARABIA IS USING ARTS AND CULTURE TO WHITEWASH ITS SLATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.**

Hillary Swank at the Red Sea Festival, December 6, 2021.

“A FILM FESTIVAL WITHOUT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION QUICKLY DESCENDS INTO PROPAGANDA,” said Madawi Al-Rasheed, a professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The Red Sea International Festival, a film festival launched by the Saudis in 2019, has for long been a target of critics. Saudi Arabia, which holds a taunting record for human rights abuses, including prison torture, murdering journalists, and endless war crimes, attempts to shine the limelight away from this reality to a more flowery

scene -- ***A FUTURE OF 'OPENNESS' UNDER THE REIGN OF MOHAMED BIN SALMAN, THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE.***

In an article written in The Guardian which pieces together what critics have been saying about the festival, Al-Rasheed, who is a prominent critic of the Saudi regime, asserted that “Sport and art will never be a substitute for real reform that includes civil and political rights. ***INTERNATIONAL FILMS ARE USED AS A COVER FOR A SINISTER SCENARIO OF DETENTIONS, BEHEADINGS, AND MURDER BY A REGIME THAT IS DESPERATE TO BREAK ITS ISOLATION AFTER IT COMMITTED CRIMES IN YEMEN AND AGAINST ITS OWN CITIZENS.***”

Sami Khan, an Oscar-nominated director, also weighed in on the topic, being among many who have called for the boycott of the event: “I probably will pay a price for this ... but I’m increasingly ***DISTURBED BY THE WAY REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE USING THE GLOBAL FILM INDUSTRY TO LAUNDER THEIR REPUTATIONS.***”

Recently, Saudi Arabia has been using the star-studded faces of international celebrities to whitewash its slate, in addition to hosting sports and cultural events, such as the most recent Formula One event that 'enjoyed' a [Justin Bieber](#) performance, among many others.

[Human Rights Watch](#), within this context, contended that ***“SAUDI ARABIA HAS A HISTORY OF USING CELEBRITIES AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS TO DEFLECT SCRUTINY FROM ITS PERVASIVE ABUSES.”***

A [report](#) by the Human Rights Watch contends that Saudi Arabia is funneling billions of dollars into entertainment and events aimed at whitewashing its horrendous slate of human rights abuses, from torture reports to murdering journalists, to executing dissidents.

“THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS GOING ALL OUT TO BURY ITS EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BENEATH PUBLIC SPECTACLES AND SPORTING EVENTS,” said Michael Page, Deputy Middle East Director at HRW. “Unless they express concerns over Saudi Arabia’s serious abuses, Formula One and participating performers risk bolstering the ***SAUDI GOVERNMENT’S WELL-FUNDED EFFORTS TO WHITEWASH ITS IMAGE DESPITE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN REPRESSION OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.***”

Antichrists Repeat Themselves Over and Over



Revelation 13:18 BeingJustified.com

“count the number of the beast”

(14 letters, 4 words)

“The vision of MBS” = 666 (Satanic)

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This is an intricate plan: With the **VISION 2030 THAT MBS SET FOR SAUDI ARABIA**, in 2016, a General Entertainment Authority was created, and billions of dollars were used to invest in the local entertainment industry. Over 64 billion dollars were planned to be invested in music, entertainment, sports, art, film, and more, complementing sports, tourism, and culture ministries.

KSA EMPLOYS "THREATS, INCENTIVES" TO END UN INVESTIGATION IN YEMEN

ByAl Mayadeen Net Source: Agencies 1 Dec 2021 12:31

SAUDI ARABIA USED "INCENTIVES AND THREATS" TO SHUT DOWN A UN INQUIRY INTO HUMAN RIGHTS BREACHES PERPETRATED BY THE SAUDI-LED COALITION FORCES IN THE WAR ON YEMEN.

Saudi Arabia initiated a lobbying campaign to shut down a UN investigation of human rights violations committed by the Saudi-led coalition forces in Yemen, using "incentives and threats", according to sources close to the matter.

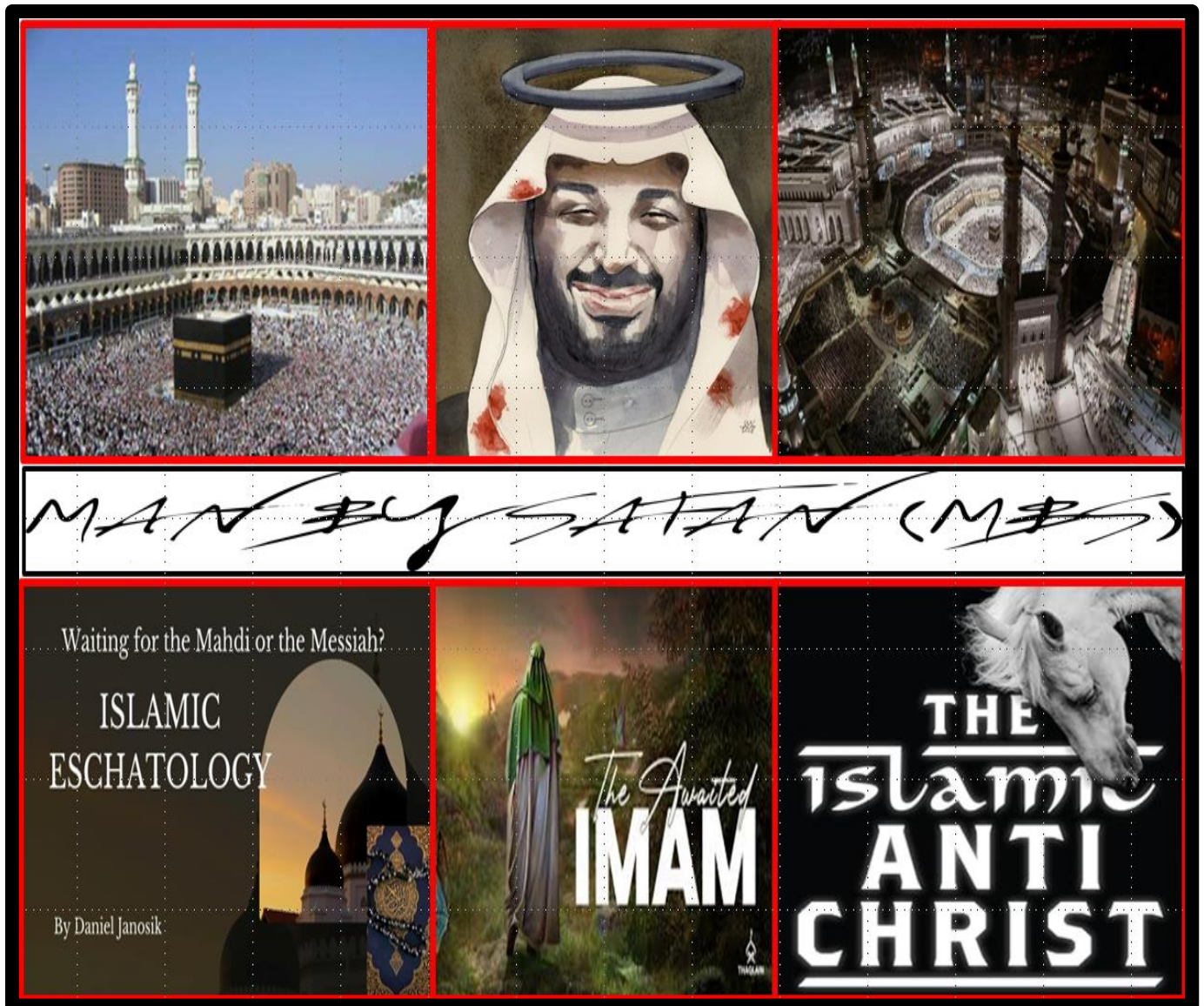
As a result of Saudi efforts, the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) voted in October against extending the independent war crimes investigation. The vote marked the first defeat of a resolution in the Geneva body's 15-year history.

POLITICAL OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC AND ACTIVIST SOURCES REPORTED TO THE GUARDIAN INSIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOBBYING PRESSURE DESCRIBED AS A STEALTH CAMPAIGN IN WHICH THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO HAVE INFLUENCED OFFICIALS TO GUARANTEE THE DEFEAT OF THE MEASURE.

Saudi Arabia's pressure policy

Riyadh warned Indonesia that if officials did not vote against the 7 October resolution, this could create obstacles for Indonesians to travel to Mecca.

It is worth noting that Indonesia is the most populous Muslim country in the world.



Moreover, the African nation of Togo announced that it would open a new embassy in Riyadh and receive financial support from the kingdom to support alleged anti-terrorism activities.

Both Indonesia and Togo had abstained from the Yemen resolution in 2020. This year, they both voted against the measure.

The resolution was defeated by a simple majority of 21-18, with seven countries abstaining. In 2020, the resolution passed by a vote of 22-12, with 12 members abstaining.

“That kind of swing – from 12 no’s to 21 – does not just happen,” said one official.

HRW: Saudi Arabia is working to influence coalition allies

The Geneva Director of Human Rights Watch, John Fisher, said, “It was a very tight vote. ***WE UNDERSTAND THAT SAUDI ARABIA AND THEIR COALITION ALLIES AND YEMEN WERE WORKING AT A HIGH LEVEL FOR SOME TIME TO PERSUADE STATES IN CAPITALS THROUGH A MIXTURE OF THREATS AND INCENTIVES, TO BACK THEIR BIDS TO TERMINATE THE MANDATE OF THIS INTERNATIONAL MONITORING MECHANISM.***”

He added, “The loss of the mandate is a huge blow for accountability in Yemen and for the credibility of the human rights council as a whole. ***FOR A MANDATE TO HAVE BEEN DEFEATED BY A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT FOR NO REASON OTHER THAN TO EVADE SCRUTINY FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMES IS A TRAVESTY.***”

The HRC voted to establish a team of experts in order to investigate possible violations of humanitarian law and human rights in Yemen in 2017.

Saudi Arabia, which is not a voting member of the UN Human Rights Council, initially supported the effort.

Also, the experts – known as the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen (GEE) – were never granted permission to travel to Yemen, but their reports grew more “damning” over the years, one person who closely followed the matter said.

GEE urges accountability for war crimes

In 2020, GEE for the first time urged the international community to focus on accountability for potential war crimes in Yemen.

They offered five recommendations, including that the UN Security Council transfer the case to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

One person who followed the matter said, “I think that must have been the trigger moment when the Saudi coalition realized this is really going too far.”

The aggressive efforts of the Saudis caught those who backed the legislation, which was led by the Netherlands, off guard.

States are pressured to say "no"

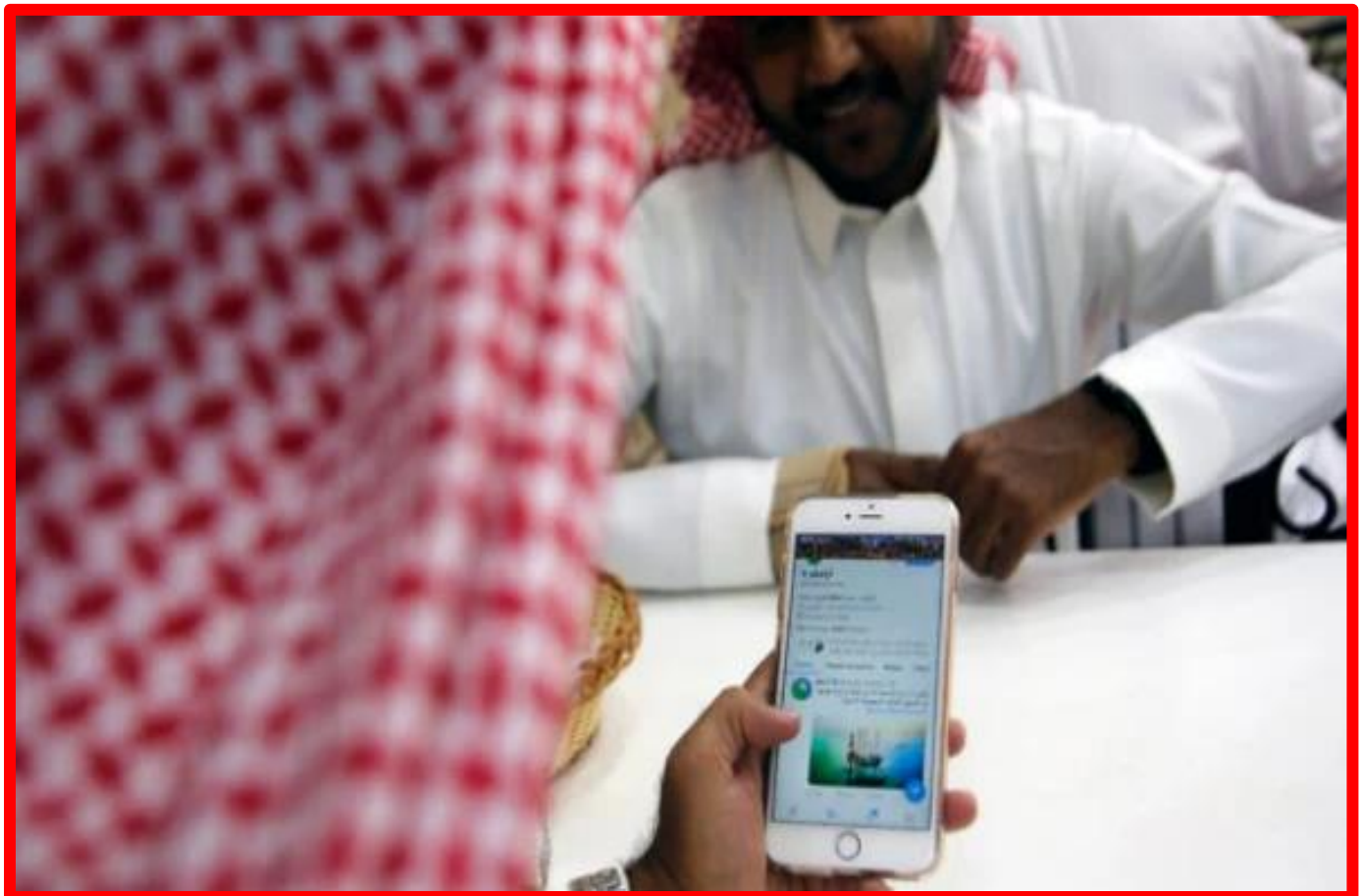
During the talks, none of the countries that would subsequently switch their votes from abstention to "no" objected to the resolution, which changed only in one

substantial manner from the 2020 version: it sought to prolong the mandate to two years rather than one.

“You could see the whole thing shift, and that was a shock,” said one person familiar with the matter. Usually, voting positions are known days before a vote is taken. But in October, **MEMBER COUNTRIES RESISTED SHARING WHAT THEIR FINAL POSITION WOULD BE, WHICH PROPONENTS SAW AS A WORRYING SIGN THAT SOME COUNTRIES WERE UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE.**

Even though the outcome of the vote was uncertain, supporters of the resolution decided to vote.

“FOR THE SAUDIS TO WIN THIS BATTLE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE YEMENI PEOPLE IS TERRIBLE. But it’s also a textbook case for other countries like Russia and China to torpedo any other investigation. It really shook everyone to the core. The scrutiny should be on those members of the council that couldn’t withstand the pressure,” said one person close to the matter.



TWITTER ACCUSED OF HELPING SAUDI ARABIA COMMIT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

By Al Mayadeen English Source: The Guardian 4 Sep 2023 19:16

THE FORMER TWITTER IS ACCUSED OF DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL DATA TO SAUDI AUTHORITIES MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY THAN IT DOES FOR OTHER NATIONS like the US, the UK, and Canada.

Areej al-Sadhan, the sister of a Saudi humanitarian worker who was kidnapped and later sentenced to 20 years in prison, filed a **LAWSUIT AGAINST X, FORMERLY KNOWN AS TWITTER**, in May.

According to The Guardian, her case relates to the **INFILTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA COMPANY BY THREE SAUDI AGENTS, TWO OF WHOM PRETENDED TO BE TWITTER EMPLOYEES IN 2014 AND 2015, WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF AL-SADHAN'S BROTHER, ABDULRAHMAN, AND THE REVEALING OF THE IDENTITIES OF THOUSANDS OF ANONYMOUS TWITTER USERS, SOME OF WHOM WERE LATER REPORTEDLY DETAINED AND TORTURED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CRACKDOWN ON DISSENT.**



Last August, a US jurist found [Ahmad Abouammo](#), a 44-year-old dual US-Lebanese citizen, who [obtained information on dissidents](#) who used the platform, [guilty after holding](#) a trial in a federal court in San Francisco.

Prosecutors had sought a prison term for the alleged spy [of over 7 years](#), saying they wanted a **"SENTENCE STRONG ENOUGH TO DETER OTHERS IN THE TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA INDUSTRY FROM SELLING OUT THE DATA OF VULNERABLE USERS."**



Abouammo had messaged Saud al-Qahtani, a senior assistant to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), saying, "Proactively and reactively we will delete

evil, my brother." **ACCORDING TO THE LAWSUIT, IT WAS A REFERENCE TO THE IDENTIFYING AND INJURING OF SUPPOSED SAUDI DISSIDENTS WHO WERE UTILIZING THE NETWORK.**

Al-Qahtani was accused of being a mastermind in the murder of writer [Jamal Khashoggi in 2018](#) by the US. **"TWITTER WAS EITHER AWARE OF THIS MESSAGE – BRAZENLY SENT ON ITS OWN PLATFORM – OR WAS DELIBERATELY IGNORANT TO IT," ACCORDING TO THE REVISED LAWSUIT.**



ELON MUSK AGREES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH SAUDI PRINCE

<https://youtu.be/Kvz8kFR7hIU>

X refused to respond to press questions.

After resigning in May 2015, Abouammo continued to contact Twitter to respond to requests for the identities of confidential users from Bader al-Asaker, a key advisor to MBS. Al-Sadhan's lawyers updated the claim last week to include how then-CEO JACK DORSEY'S LEADERSHIP HAD TWITTER WILLFULLY PROVIDING USER DATA TO THE KINGDOM.

Human Rights Watch recently slammed a Saudi court for [condemning a man to death](#) based solely on his Twitter and YouTube activity, calling it **AN "ESCALATION" OF THE GOVERNMENT'S WAR ON FREE EXPRESSION.**



Muhammad al-Ghamdi, the condemned man, is the brother of a Saudi academic and regime critic living in exile in the United Kingdom. According to Saudi court records seen by HRW, al-Ghamdi was charged with having two accounts with a total of ten followers. Both accounts had less than 1,000 tweets combined and included retweets from well-known government opponents.

Twitter 'given ample notice' of security vulnerabilities

The lawsuit details how Twitter was given "ample notice" of security vulnerabilities to internal personal data, as well as the possibility of insiders unlawfully accessing it, based on public reporting at the time.

The lawsuit adds that ***TWITTER "DID NOT SIMPLY IGNORE ALL OF THESE RED FLAGS... IT WAS AWARE OF THE MALIGN CAMPAIGN."***

According to the lawsuit, ***SAUDI ARABIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD FORMALLY FOLLOW UP WITH TWITTER AFTER RECEIVING CONFIDENTIAL USER DATA FROM ITS AGENTS WORKING INSIDE THE COMPANY, BY FILING SO-CALLED EDRS - OR EMERGENCY DISCLOSURE REQUESTS - IN ORDER TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION THAT CONFIRMED A USER'S IDENTITY,*** which it would then use in court. Those EDRs were frequently authorized on the same day.

In May 2015, Albarah acquired the data of two Twitter users who posted about the monarchy in a way that al-Asaker felt was offensive. According to the lawsuit, EDRs regarding the individuals were then transmitted and automatically authorized by Twitter.

Between July and December 2015, Twitter granted the monarchy information requests "significantly more often" than most other nations, including Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand.

On November 5, 2015, only days before ***TWITTER WAS ASKED BY THE FBI ABOUT ITS WORRIES ABOUT SAUDI INFILTRATION,*** it promoted Albarah, who is now a fugitive in Saudi Arabia.

When Twitter learned of the FBI's suspicions, it placed Albarah on leave and confiscated his laptop, but not his phone, which he had been using frequently to communicate with Saudi state connections.

According to the complaint, Twitter "had every reason to expect Alzabarah to immediately flee to Saudi Arabia, which is exactly what he did."

Afterward, Twitter notified users that had been exposed, citing their data "may" have been targeted, with no specific information, thereby putting thousands of users at risk, according to the lawsuit.

EVEN AFTER TWITTER BECAME AWARE OF THE HACK, IT CONTINUED TO MEET AND COORDINATE WITH SAUDI ARABIA. DORSEY MET WITH MBS AROUND SIX MONTHS AFTER THE FBI ALERTED THE BUSINESS TO THE PROBLEM, AND THE TWO TALKED ABOUT WAYS TO "TRAIN AND QUALIFY SAUDI CADRES."





KSA SENTENCES UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON OVER TWEETS

ByAl Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 28 Dec 2022 13:56

SAUDI ARABIA SENTENCES A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR TWEETS ABOUT THE KINGDOM, ITS PROPAGANDA POLICIES, AND THE SECURITY SITUATION.

Saudi journalist Turki Al-Shalhoub, who previously triggered a ***PUBLIC OUTCRY FOR EXPOSING CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN'S CONTENTIOUS PLANS AGAINST HIGHLY REVERED SITES IN SAUDI ARABIA***, tweeted on Tuesday that the State Security Court had passed the ruling regarding the professor at the media faculty of Umm al-Qura University in Mecca, Muhammad bin Mohsin Basurrah.

Al-Shalhoub cited several connected Tweets by Basurrah and said he had ***COMMENTED ON THE DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN OF THE SAUDI-OWNED AL-ARABIYA TV***, Saudi Arabia's 3-year diplomatic dispute with Qatar and other Arab countries, in addition to the security situation in the country.

“SAUDI SECURITY FORCES ONLY INTERVENE WHEN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE HOUSE OF SAUD IS THREATENED; OTHERWISE THEY WOULD NOT TAKE ANY SERIOUS ACTIONS,” the journalist commented.



Last month, the independent non-governmental organization advocating human rights in Saudi Arabia, Prisoners of Conscience, reported that state officials had

jailed pro-democracy campaigner Fadi Ibrahim Nasser over **TWEETS THAT DENOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICIES OF THE SAUDI REGIME.**

A Saudi opposition activist, Abdul Hakim bin Abdul Aziz, revealed that the [Saudi authorities had arrested his son](#), Yasser, from his university, as part of the **KINGDOM'S AGGRESSIVE CRACKDOWN AGAINST ACTIVISTS THAT CRITICIZE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE RULING REGIME ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**



Bin Abdul Aziz considered that the arrest of his son exposes **"THE OPPRESSION AND TYRANNY OF THE RULING REGIME IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IS A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FORCE ME TO REMAIN SILENT ABOUT THE VIOLATIONS THAT THE COUNTRY IS WITNESSING."**

It is noteworthy that bin Abdul Aziz is one of the founders of the "Zawina" organization, which is concerned with supporting the families of prisoners of conscience and exposing human rights violations against detainees and their families.

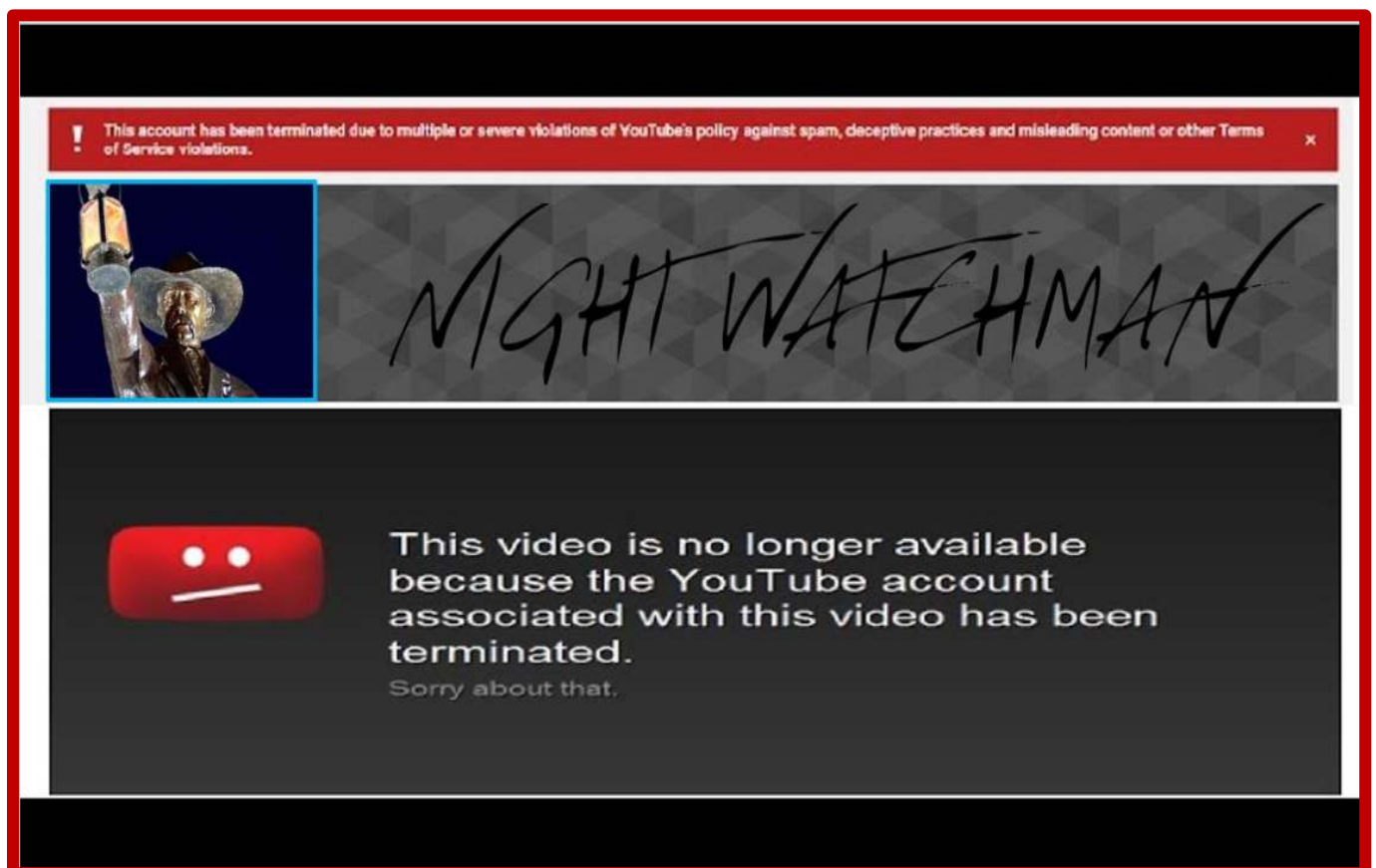
SAUDI AUTHORITIES SENTENCED 15 (5+5+5) PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE TO DEATH in November

At the beginning of last month, the European Saudi Organization for Human Rights revealed that the Saudi authorities had [sentenced 15 prisoners of conscience to death](#), bringing the ***NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT RISK OF DEATH TO 50 (5)***, including at least eight minors.

In the same context, the Saudi Court of Appeal extended in October the sentence of [Tunisian national Mahdia Al-Marzouki](#), from two years and eight months to 15 years, on charges of interacting with a tweet.

Similarly, the Saudi authorities [sentenced an American citizen to 16 years](#) in prison for criticizing the Saudi regime in a tweet.

HUNDREDS OF BLOGGERS, [ACTIVISTS](#), INTELLECTUALS, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN SAUDI ARABIA EVER SINCE BIN SALMAN BECAME CROWN PRINCE IN 2017, AN OBVIOUS SIGN OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DISSENT EVEN AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION OF REPRESSIVE MEASURES.



Over the past years, **THE COUNTRY ALSO REDEFINED ITS [ANTI-TERRORISM LAWS](#) TO PERSECUTE PEACEFUL ACTIVISTS, REPRESSING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.**

ESOHR: OVER 50 (5) PEOPLE, INCLUDING MINORS, FACING DEATH PENALTY IN KSA

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Agencies + Al Mayadeen Net

1 Nov 2022 09:04 The European Saudi Organization for Human Rights warns that Saudi Arabian authorities have sentenced 53 individuals to death, including 8 minors.

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's prison (archive)

The European Saudi Organization for Human Rights (EOSHR) revealed that Saudi authorities have [sentenced 15 political prisoners](#) to death, bringing the number of people at risk of death to 53, including at least 8 minors.

The sentencing occurred despite the fact that experts at the United Nations called on KSA authorities in the recent period to immediately release [Abdullah Al-Hwaiti](#).

Abdullah Al-Hwaiti was only 14 when he was arrested in 2017 on alleged charges of armed robbery and killing a police officer in KSA's northern Tabuk Province.

He was tortured and forced to confess to the alleged crimes although he had an alibi, and his family said that camera footage showed he was not at the crime scene.

Abdullah al-Howaiti has been sentenced to death for a second time. He was 14 years old when he was arrested and tortured into signing a false 'confession'.

HIS CASE EXPOSES SAUDI ARABIA'S CLAIMS TO HAVE ENDED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR CHILDREN AS A LIE

[.https://t.co/OnZgColfbg](https://t.co/OnZgColfbg)

— Reprieve (@Reprieve) [March 9, 2022](#)

The organization warned that [KSA authorities](#) would be committing a new mass massacre if they go through with the executions.

According to Human Rights Watch, in October 2019, the criminal court in the northern Tabuk region sentenced Al-Hwaiti, who was 17 years old at the time, to charges of murder and armed robbery, along with five other defendants.

In April 2020, [Riyadh announced](#) it was ending the death penalty for those convicted of crimes committed while they were under 18.

But ALQST Organization for Supporting Human Rights said that since "the alleged offense took place when Howaiti was only 14," it showed the "Saudi authorities' continued application of the death penalty against minors."

It is noteworthy that Saudi Arabia has one of the world's highest execution rates, and had earlier in March [carried out a mass execution](#), killing 81 people.

REVELATION CHAPTER 20

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/K0Rvmy5yCoE>

Saudi officials say that the reforms had been implemented at legislative, judicial, executive, and procedural levels, addressing all human rights and related concerns. This demonstrated the application of the principle that human rights were complementary and indivisible. She emphasized the creation of an effective legal and institutional framework for promoting and protecting human rights. Efforts have additionally been made to improve compliance with regional and international human rights standards, in line with the Kingdom's obligations under conventions.

Al-Tuwaijri pointed to **50 (5) 'REFORMS' REGARDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND SPOKE OF EFFORTS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**, including the amendment of the Law of Protection from Abuse in 2022. **CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN LAUNCHED AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT PROTECTING CHILDREN. OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN HAS MADE 'SIGNIFICANT AND QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS' IN VARIOUS AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER SAUDI VISION 2030.**

SAUDI YOUTH SPARED THE SWORD IS GIVEN NEW DEATH SENTENCE

[Richard Spencer](#) Middle East Correspondent Friday March 04 2022, 12.01am GMT,
The Times



Abdullah al-Howaiti was 14 when the murder happened

A TEENAGE BOY HAS BEEN RESENTENCED TO BEHEADING IN SAUDI ARABIA DESPITE AN EARLIER CONVICTION FOR MURDER BEING QUASHED AND THE AUTHORITIES PROMISING TO ABOLISH DEATH SENTENCES FOR MINORS.

Abdullah al-Howaiti was 14 when he was arrested in 2017 for robbing a jewellery store in Tabuk in the northwest of the country and shooting dead a policeman who tried to intervene.

Two years later he was sentenced to death and an international campaign began to secure an appeal. It was supported by British MPs and human rights groups, who [asked the government to intervene](#).

His age was a significant element of his defence in the case, which campaigners said was flawed. The man who robbed the store, who was disguised in women's clothing and a niqab was described as tall and appeared too old to be a 14-year-old boy.

Abdullah himself said he was on the seafront in the coastal town of Duba at the time with friends, which appeared to be confirmed by his mobile phone location records. **HE WAS ROUNDED UP LATER AT HOME IN TABUK WITH HIS BROTHER, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SAID HE WAS TORTURED INTO CONFESSING TO THE CRIME.**

In November [his conviction was overturned](#) and a retrial was ordered. However, his family say that the retrial was cursory and have now said that it ended in the same result as the first.

CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN PROMISED TO REDUCE THE USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY WHEN HE BECAME THE DE FACTO RULER OF THE COUNTRY ON HIS FATHER'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE IN 2015.



The number of death penalties actually soared at first, with ***MANY PROTESTERS AND OTHER POLITICAL OPPONENTS BEHEADED ON THE ACCUSATION THAT THEY WERE TERRORISTS***. The prince responded to criticism by saying that the use of the death penalty against minors would be stopped, and some young men accused of politically motivated crimes had their sentences commuted to ten years in jail. However, it became clear that clemency was not being extended to ordinary crimes such as murder.

Officials said that this was harder to limit under sharia, which, according to the interpretation used by Saudi judges sets mandatory terms, including the death penalty, for some offences, without respect to age.

Abdullah was originally sentenced under this principle, known as hudud. In the new case, he was convicted under so-called qisas terms, meaning retribution. In qisas cases, although the sentence is mandatory, the victim's family can offer clemency, sometimes in return for "blood money".

His family continued to protest against the new sentence. "After the supreme court overturned the initial ruling because of the false confessions, today they handed down their judgment and their injustice as they had previously done," his mother posted on Twitter. "We do not know who the important person is who is being protected whilst they sacrifice Abdullah."

They demanded that the case be referred to the capital, Riyadh, claiming that there was local corruption.

Reprieve, the British-based organisation that campaigns against the death penalty, said the case once again showed the limits of the Saudi authorities' promises. "Abdullah al-Howaiti has now been sentenced to death not once, but twice, by a court that knows he was 14 when he was arrested and tortured," a spokeswoman said.

There are at least ***FIVE (5) OTHER CHILD DEFENDANTS AT RISK OF DEATH SENTENCES*** in Saudi Arabia, according to the group.

US OVERLOOKS SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, WAR CRIMES: EU OFFICIAL

ByAl Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 21 Jun 2022 15:14

Irish Clare Daly accuses the ***US OF OVERLOOKING SAUDI'S CRIMES AND LOOKING TO SECURE ITS GOALS.***

Irish Clare Daly, a member of the EU, stated that the US has secured Europe as a new captive market for its LNG exports, and ***THE WHITE HOUSE IS BACKTRACKING ON ITS POLICY PROMISES ABOUT SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND WAR CRIMES.***

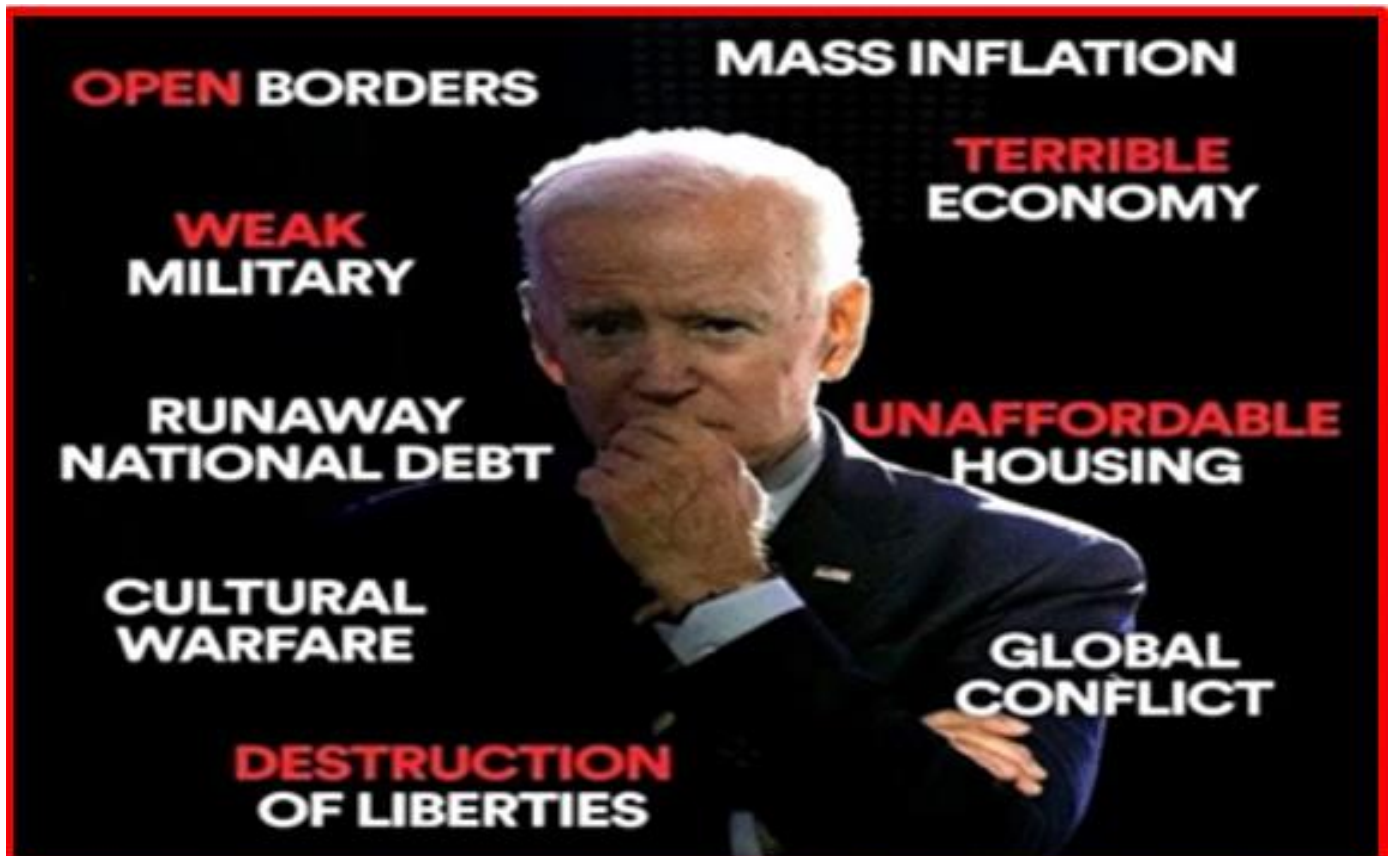
Riyadh-Washington ties deteriorated after Biden took office in January 2021, pledging during his campaign to marginalize and isolate Saudi Arabia. Human rights, the assassination of Jamal Khashoggi, and the US-funded Yemeni war have all pushed relations downward between the two countries.

While Biden initially focused on [human rights issues in Saudi Arabia](#), he now plans to visit the Saudi prince during his regional tour of the Middle East.

ANALYSTS NOW BELIEVE THAT [WASHINGTON'S PERCEPTION OF RIYADH HAS SHIFTED](#) AND THAT THE US PRESIDENT WOULD WANT TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH THE SAUDIS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A NUMBER OF PARTICULAR GOALS DURING HIS IMPENDING VISIT TO RIYADH.

In this regard, Clare Daly, a Member of the European Parliament, told Mehr News Agency, ***"SAUDI ARABIA'S BARGAINING POWER HAS HUGELY INCREASED SINCE THE WAR IN UKRAINE.*** In response to the Ukraine war, Europe has passed sanctions against Russia, and this increasingly includes a ban on Russian energy imports, which Europe depended heavily on. "

"The United States is very keen to prolong the war in Ukraine and to prevent any improvement of relations between Europe and Russia for as long as possible because it is in the US strategic interests to see Russia bogged down in a prolonged conflict, while Europe is trapped in a US-led NATO alliance. But if the situation is to continue like this, alternatives to banned Russian energy imports have to be found or else Europe will begin to waver," she added.



"Although the United States is an energy exporter, and has now secured Europe as a new captive market for its LNG exports, it cannot meet Europe's energy needs on its own. And so Biden is very keen to unlock alternative sources of energy for Europe," adding that, "the US has walked back foreign policy commitments in a number of other ways – resuming, for example, dialogue with Venezuela, another oil-producing nation. Saudi Arabia – which enjoys historically close relations with the United States - is a natural candidate."

Daly mentioned that ***"SAUDI ARABIA HAS BEEN REFUSING TO INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION TO MEET THE CRISIS – A CLEAR BARGAINING POSITION, AND AS A RESULT, THE UNITED STATES IS WALKING BACK ITS POLICY COMMITMENTS REGARDING SAUDI HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND WAR CRIMES."***

This only means one thing, ***THE UNITED STATES IS NOT CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE IT OVERLOOKED THEM FOR FUEL AND ISN'T CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAR IN YEMEN BECAUSE IT FLOODED WEAPONS INTO THE KINGDOM. WITH BIDEN'S TRIP TO THE KINGDOM, THE TRUE FACE OF AMERICA IS BEING UNCOVERED.***

THE BEAST'S 'ACTIONS' SPEAK LOUDER THAN HIS 'LIES': BIDENS BLINDNESS BOOSTS BEAST'S BAPHOMET BEHAVIORS

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President Biden has single-handedly assured MBS can escape accountability when it was President Biden who promised the American people that he would do everything to hold MBS accountable. ***THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION HAS DETERMINED THAT SAUDI CROWN PRINCE IS IMMUNE AND HAS 'DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY' IN KILLING.***

THE DISSIDENT

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US DETERMINES SAUDI CROWN PRINCE IS IMMUNE IN CASE BROUGHT BY JAMAL KHASHOGGI'S FIANCÉE

By [Alex Marquardt](#), CNN Updated 7:16 PM EST, Fri November 18, 2022

The Biden administration has determined that Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, should be granted immunity in a case brought against him by the fiancée of Washington Post journalist [Jamal Khashoggi](#), whom the administration has said was [murdered at the prince's direction](#).

A court filing was made by Justice Department lawyers at the request of the State Department because bin Salman was recently made the Saudi prime minister and as a result, qualifies for immunity as a foreign head of government, the request said. It was filed late Thursday night, just before the court's deadline for the Justice Department to give its views in court on the immunity question and other arguments the prince made for having the lawsuit dismissed.

"Mohammed bin Salman, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is the sitting head of government and, accordingly, is immune from this suit," the filing reads, while calling the murder "heinous."

The decision has already drawn an angry reaction. Amnesty International, an international non-governmental organization focused on human rights, [said Friday](#) that the US government "should hang its head in shame. This is nothing more than a sickening, total, deep betrayal."

The White House had hoped the July trip by [President Joe Biden](#) to Saudi Arabia would get the rocky US-Saudi relationship back on track but since then, relations have only continued to sour.

The relationship is being reevaluated, the White House has said, in the wake of an oil production cut by Saudi-led OPEC+ that the administration saw as a direct affront to the US. Members of Congress, already infuriated by the oil cut and calling for a reevaluation, will likely only be angered further if the prince is given immunity.

Hatice Cengiz, Khashoggi's fiancée, and the Washington-based human rights organization that the late journalist founded, DAWN, initially brought the lawsuit against bin Salman and 28 others in October 2020 in the Washington, DC, Federal District Court. They allege that the team of assassins "kidnapped, bound, drugged, tortured, and assassinated" Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and then dismembered his body. His remains have never been found.

"Biden himself betrayed his word, betrayed Jamal," Cengiz told CNN. "History will not forget this wrong decision."

Cengiz also [tweeted](#), "Biden saved the murderer by granting immunity. He saved the criminal and got involved in the crime himself. Let's see who will save you in the hereafter?"

The executive director of DAWN, Sarah Leah Whitson, called the immunity request a "shocking outcome" and a "massive concession" to Saudi Arabia.



"It's really beyond ironic that President Biden has basically delivered an assurance of impunity for Mohammed bin Salman, which is the exact opposite of what he promised to do to hold the killers of Jamal Khashoggi accountable," Whitson told CNN.

In a statement on Friday, Fred Ryan, the publisher and CEO of The Washington Post, slammed the decision, saying that “President Biden is failing to uphold America’s most cherished values.”

“While legitimate heads of government should be protected against frivolous lawsuits, the Saudis’ decision to make MBS prime minister was a cynical, calculated effort to manipulate the law and shield him from accountability,” he added.

US intel report found MBS responsible for approving operation

A [US intelligence community report](#) into Khashoggi’s murder published in February 2021 as Biden took office said bin Salman approved the operation to capture or kill the journalist which ended with his murder and dismemberment.

Bin Salman denied the allegations and sought immunity from prosecution, claiming that his various government and royal positions gave him immunity and put him outside the US courts’ jurisdiction.

But as Crown Prince, bin Salman was not entitled to sovereign immunity which would normally just include a head of state, head of government or foreign minister, none of which bin Salman was.

Then, just a few days before the Biden administration was supposed to weigh in last month on the question of immunity, bin Salman was promoted to prime minister by his father, King Salman, who would normally hold that position.

That was a “ploy” to secure so-called head of state immunity, DAWN’s Whitson said, after which the Justice Department asked for a delay.

Now that bin Salman is prime minister, “the government ought to recommend that he’s entitled to immunity” said law professor William Dodge at the University of California Davis Law School, who had previously written that the prince wasn’t entitled to immunity.

“It’s almost automatic,” Dodge said, “I think that’s why he was appointed prime minister is to get out of this.”

The State Department was not required to make a determination of immunity but was invited to do so by the court. A spokesperson said that their request that bin

Salman be granted immunity is based on longstanding common and international law, rather than a reflection of current diplomatic ties or efforts.

“The United States has consistently, and across administrations, applied these principles to heads of state, heads of government and foreign ministers while they are in office,” State Department deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel told reporters Friday. “This is an unbroken practice, and it is also something that we expect others to affront to the United States as well.”

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre echoed Patel’s statement later Friday, telling reporters the decision was a legal determination and that “it has nothing to do with the merits of this case.”

The Saudi embassy in Washington, DC, did not immediately respond to CNN’s request for comment.

Bin Salman had also claimed immunity in [a case against him](#) by former Saudi counterterrorism official Saad Aljabri, who accused the prince of sending a hit squad to kill him in Canada just days after Khashoggi’s murder. That case was dismissed for other reasons by the same court.

“After breaking its pledge to punish MBS for Khashoggi’s assassination, the Biden administration has not only shielded MBS from accountability in US courts, but effectively issued him license to kill more detractors and declared that he would never be held accountable,” Aljabri’s son, Khalid, told CNN on Thursday.

The White House was widely criticized for Biden’s trip to Saudi Arabia in July, when the president awkwardly fist-bumped the crown prince he said he still holds responsible for Khashoggi’s murder.

Biden said he raised the killing at the start of their meeting and that the prince continued to deny being responsible. “I was straightforward and direct in discussing it. I made my view crystal clear,” said Biden.

The four-page US intelligence community report released in 2021 said that the 15-person Saudi team that arrived in Istanbul in October 2018 when Khashoggi was killed included members associated with the Saudi Center for Studies and Media Affairs (CSMARC) at the Royal Court, led by a close adviser of bin Salman, as well as **“SEVEN MEMBERS OF MUHAMMAD BIN SALMAN’S ELITE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE**

DETAIL, KNOWN AS THE RAPID INTERVENTION FORCE.” The report noted that bin Salman viewed Khashoggi as a threat to the Kingdom “and broadly supported using violent measures if necessary, to silence him.”

The intelligence report said that they did not have visibility on when the Saudis had decided to harm the father of five. “Although Saudi officials had pre-planned an unspecified operation against Khashoggi we do not know how far in advance Saudi officials decided to harm him,” it said.

‘A series of failures to hold Saudi leadership accountable’

Last month, on the fourth anniversary of Khashoggi’s death, DAWN demanded the Biden administration declassify and publish the full intelligence report on his killing. Khashoggi’s fiancée Cengiz alleges that when Khashoggi tried to get the papers they needed to get married at the embassy in Washington, DC, officials “manufactured an opportunity to murder him.”

They told him the only place he could get the documents they needed was at the consulate in Istanbul, she said. Two weeks before his appointment on October 2, 2018, the day he was killed, Khashoggi and Cengiz were married in a religious Islamic ceremony, the lawsuit says.

“THE ADMINISTRATION’S DECISION TO ENCOURAGE COURTS TO UPHOLD MBS’ SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IS YET ANOTHER DISAPPOINTING CHAPTER IN A SERIES OF FAILURES TO HOLD SAUDI LEADERSHIP ACCOUNTABLE FOR BRUTALLY MURDERING JAMAL KHASHOGGI,” a senior congressional Democratic aide said. “Actions such as this contradict the Administration’s hollow assurances of accountability and fly in the face of our own intelligence assessments of MBS’ involvement.”

Rep. Debbie Dingell of Michigan, a Democrat, told CNN on Friday that she was “stunned” when she heard the news of the immunity decision.

“I mean, we know that somebody was murdered. So, I’m obviously not comfortable this morning and I want to understand why they did what they did,” Dingell said on “CNN This Morning.”

This story has been updated with additional developments Friday.

CNN’s Tierney Sneed, Shawna Mizelle and Nikki Carvajal contributed to this report.



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THE US AND SAUDI ARABIA: WHO'S ON TOP OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS?

author: Al Mayadeen source: Al Mayadeen 16 Jul 2022 18:56

According to Reuters, **SAUDI ARABIA AND THE US ARE TRYING TO LECTURE ONE ANOTHER ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WITH BOTH HAVING NO CLUE WHAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE.**



WHICH AGENDAS COVER UP SAUDI OPPRESSION CAMPAIGNS?

By Al Mayadeen English Source: Al Mayadeen Net 12 Oct 2022 23:48

Arbitrary sentences in the Gulf countries are on the rise, despite these countries' claims to openness; other countries boast about winning the right to host a series of major sporting events, while Gulf activists describe the courts that jail prisoners of conscience as "fascist."

MANY SAUDI ACTIVISTS DESCRIBE THE COURTS OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE IN THE KINGDOM AS "FASCIST" AND ASSERT THAT NO MEASURES FROM INTERNATIONAL BODIES WILL SUPPRESS THESE ABUSES.

Saudi Arabia has witnessed mass arrests of prisoners of conscience, thinkers, and activists, in addition to formal trials and unfair rulings for a long time. However, the question today is: ***WHICH AGENDAS COVER UP SAUDI OPPRESSION CAMPAIGNS, AND WHO ALLOWS THEM TO ACT FURTHER AT THE EXPENSE OF THE OPINION OF THEIR PEOPLE?***

The latest of these cases was a Saudi court ruling on Monday that [sentenced 10 Nubian Egyptians](#), some to up to 18 years in prison, for trying to organize three years ago in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, an event to commemorate the October 1973 war, according to two relatives of the accused. This comes after the 10 Egyptians were referred to court with a ***FIFTH (5) HEARING BEFORE RIYADH CRIMINAL COURT.***

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ACCUSES THE COURT OF BEING "SYSTEMATICALLY USED TO PROSECUTE INDIVIDUALS ON VAGUE CHARGES WHICH OFTEN EQUATE PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WITH TERRORISM-RELATED CRIMES."

Right before this, [Saudi Arabia released after an 80-day detention](#) the Iranian pilgrim Khalil Dardmand, who was detained in the country for having displayed the picture of martyr Qassem Soleimani.

The stories are many, and one report cannot contain them. In addition to the above, human rights reports stated last September that "a Saudi court sentenced, last August, two people from the Howeitat tribe to ***50 (5) YEARS IN PRISON,***" because they [refused to be forcibly evicted from their homes](#) for the benefit of the NEOM project.

Which agendas cover up Saudi oppression campaigns?

These violations in Saudi Arabia come in parallel with Bahrain's record of human rights violations. which raises the question of ***WHY ARE THESE REGIMES EXCLUDED FROM ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE REPRESSION DOCUMENTED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.*** Are the security services' torture and deprivation of freedoms deliberately overlooked?

This international condoning was expressed by Amnesty International today, which stressed that ***THE COUNTRIES OF THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OBSCURE THEIR RECORD OF ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY HOSTING A SERIES OF MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS.***

This comes ahead of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar, the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (Formula 1) in the United Arab Emirates in November, and Saudi Arabia's recent winning of the rights to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games.

Meanwhile, about 75 people are still imprisoned in at least four of the GCC countries: Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, and the UAE, according to Amnesty International, due to practicing their right to freedom of expression, forming associations or joining them, or their right to peaceful assembly, noting that this outcome "does not reflect the full scope of these arrests and prosecutions."

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— قناة الميادين (@AlMayadeenNews) [October 11, 2022](#)

In Riyadh, an arrest can occur simply due to attempting to organize a gathering in remembrance of the Sixth of October War, for example, or for allegedly spreading false news and organizing an unauthorized gathering. An arrest can occur because of a prayer calling to liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque, as happened last April. In an accusation that was one of its kind, [Saudi intelligence](#) arrested a Palestinian pilgrim in the holy city of Mecca, because he asked God to liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the pilgrims behind him responded "Amen".

In a related context, Nasser, the son of the Saudi preacher, Awad Al-Qarni, who is detained in Riyadh, revealed some of the show trials and narrow cells, which witness torture, ill-treatment, and brutality of detainees.

<https://youtu.be/f8wVWsZBx5o>

There are many examples and positions that activists in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain were exposed to, but what is certain is that ***NO MEASURES ARE TAKEN BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO DETER THE EXISTING REPRESSION IN THESE TWO GULF COUNTRIES, DESPITE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS CONDEMNING THEM.*** Why do we witness such international silence?

Despite the "great openness" that took place in Riyadh, dozens of Saudi dissidents and activists remain in detention and, along with others, face unfair trials on charges related to their public criticism of the government or peaceful human rights work.

RECENTLY, [ARRESTS](#) AND HARASSMENT BY THE SAUDI AUTHORITIES HAVE INCREASED, AS HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS REPORT ON TORTURE AGAINST PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE INSIDE PRISONS AND THE DETENTION OF FAMILIES OF SAUDI DISSIDENTS FLEEING OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM.

Many Saudi activists describe the courts of prisoners of conscience in the kingdom as "fascist" and assert that no measures from international bodies will suppress these abuses, despite the condemnations of human rights organizations. They attribute this to a unit of double standards that control world policies according to "interests".

US RAISES 'SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS' OVER SAUDI SENTENCING OF ACTIVIST

ByAl-Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 23 Aug 2022 00:52

The repercussions of Salma Al-Shehab's sentencing to 34 years imprisonment by Saudi Arabia for tweeting in defense of women's rights continue to unfold.

The US has raised "significant concerns" with the Saudi Arabian authorities over their sentencing of female rights activist [Salma Al-Shehab to 34 years in prison](#), US State Department Spokesperson Ned Price said on Monday.

"We have raised our significant concerns with the Saudi authorities," Price said during a press briefing. "We have made the point to them that freedom of expression is a universal human right to which all people are entitled and exercising.

Those universal rights should never be criminalized advocacy for women's rights should of course, never be criminalized or punished."

Price said the US has noted not only the exceptional length of the sentence but also the exceptional travel ban imposed on Al-Shehab after she completes the sentence.

The Biden administration has held a [number of talks](#) with the Saudi government over the past several days, including raising concerns privately with the Saudi leadership, and continues to follow Al-Shehab's case very closely, Price added.

Last week, the human rights organization Al Qst said in a statement that the Specialized Criminal Court of Appeals in Saudi Arabia on August 9 sentenced Al-Shehab to 34 years in prison followed by a travel ban of the same length.

Al-Shehab was arrested on January 15, 2021, and charged with providing support to individuals seeking to disrupt public order and undermine the safety of the general public and stability of the state, as well as publishing false and tendentious rumors on Twitter, as per the Saudi regime's claims.

SAUDI ARABIA IS KNOWN FOR ITS EXTENSIVE CRACKDOWN ON JOURNALISTS, ACTIVISTS, AND CRITICS OF ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM.

Previous waves of detention have been widely condemned by ***CRITICS AND RIGHTS GROUPS THAT ACCUSE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN OF UTILIZING ANTI-CORRUPTION SENTIMENTS TO PURGE POTENTIAL RIVALS TO THE CROWN OR ANYONE DEEMED A THREAT, NO MATTER HOW MINIMAL, TO HIS RULE.***

SAUDI ARABIA JAILS ANOTHER WOMAN FOR USING TWITTER

ByAl Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 30 Aug 2022 15:37

Nourah bint Saeed Al-Qahtani is sentenced to 45 years in prison in yet another violation of human rights by Saudi Arabia.

Nourah bint Saeed al-Qahtani jailed in Saudi Arabia over tweets.

Court records reviewed by a human rights organization show that a second Saudi Arabian woman, Nourah bint Saeed Al-Qahtani, has been sentenced to decades in

jail for using social media to "violate the public order" by the country's terrorism court.

A specialized criminal court allegedly found Al-Qahtani guilty of "using the internet to tear [Saudi Arabia's] social fabric" and [sentenced her to 45 years in prison](#) as a result, according to documents obtained and examined by Democracy for the Arab World Now (Dawn).

Dawn informed the Guardian of its findings, which the latter said had been corroborated by Saudi sources, in hopes that the public would be able to shed light on Al-Qahtani's case.

Abdullah Alaoudh, the director for the Gulf region at Dawn, said that ***SAUDI AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO HAVE IMPRISONED QAHTANI FOR "SIMPLY TWEETING HER OPINIONS," ADDING THAT "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO CONNECT THE DOTS BETWEEN CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN'S MEETING WITH [\[US\] PRESIDENT BIDEN](#) LAST MONTH IN JEDDAH AND THE UPTICK IN THE REPRESSIVE ATTACKS AGAINST ANYONE WHO DARES CRITICIZE THE CROWN PRINCE OR THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT FOR [WELL-DOCUMENTED ABUSES.](#)"***



It doesn't seem like Qahtani had a [Twitter account under her real name](#). Other Saudis who are thought to have posted satirical or critical information on Twitter behind aliases have also been detained and arrested according to The Guardian.

THE LAWS OF SAUDI ARABIA ARE MADE TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT THE MOST AMOUNT OF DISCRETION POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO HOLD PEOPLE IN CUSTODY FOR VIOLATING BROADLY DEFINED ANTI-TERRORISM LAWS LIKE "DISTURBING PUBLIC ORDER" AND "ENDANGERING NATIONAL UNITY."

<https://nightwatchman.blog/2024/07/04/mohammed-bin-salman-is-committed-to-attaining-highest-standards-in-protection-of-human-rights-but-for-only-3-5-years/>

Earlier, [Salma Al-Shehab](#), a 34-year-old mother of two, aged four and six, was initially sentenced to three years in prison for the "crime" of using an internet website to "cause public unrest and destabilize civil and national security."

However, on Monday, August 15, an appeals court handed down the new sentence, of 34 years in prison followed by a 34-year travel ban, after a public prosecutor requested that the court consider other alleged crimes.

[Shehab was not a prominent](#) or particularly vocal Saudi activist, neither in Saudi Arabia nor in the United Kingdom.

On Instagram, where she had only 159 followers, she described herself as a dental hygienist, medical educator, [Ph.D. student at Leeds University](#), lecturer at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, wife, and mother to her sons, Noah and Adam.

"MBS'S RUTHLESS REPRESSION MACHINE"

The European Saudi Organization for Human Rights [condemned Shehab's sentence](#), which it said was the longest ever imposed on an activist. ***IT WAS NOTED THAT MANY FEMALE ACTIVISTS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO UNFAIR TRIALS THAT RESULTED IN ARBITRARY SENTENCES, AS WELL AS "SEVERE TORTURE," INCLUDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT.***

Khalid Aljabri, a Saudi living in exile whose sister and brother are detained in Saudi Arabia, said the Shehab case demonstrated **SAUDI ARABIA'S VIEW THAT DISSENT EQUALS TERRORISM.**

“SALMAN’S DRACONIAN SENTENCING IN A TERRORISM COURT OVER PEACEFUL TWEETS IS THE LATEST MANIFESTATION OF MBS’S RUTHLESS REPRESSION MACHINE,” he said.

“Just like [journalist Jamal] Khashoggi’s assassination, her SENTENCING IS INTENDED TO SEND SHOCK WAVES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM – DARE TO CRITICIZE MBS AND YOU WILL END UP DISMEMBERED OR IN SAUDI DUNGEONS.”

While the case has received little attention, the Washington Post published a sarcastic editorial about Saudi Arabia's treatment of the Leeds student on Tuesday, stressing that her case demonstrated that **THE “COMMITMENTS” THE US PRESIDENT RECEIVED ON REFORMS WERE “A FARCE.”**

“At the very least, Mr. Biden must now speak out forcefully and demand that Ms. Shehab be released and allowed to return to her sons, 4 and 6 years old, in the United Kingdom, and to resume her studies there,” it read.

SAUDI 'REPRESS' DISSIDENT PILGRIMS: 'HAJJ IS NOT SAFE' CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

ByAl Mayadeen English Source: Agencies 17 Jun 2022 16:09

Human rights organizations launched a campaign called **“HAJJ IS NOT SAFE” TO HIGHLIGHT VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES COMMITTED BY SAUDI AUTHORITIES AGAINST PILGRIMS.**

<https://nightwatchman.blog/2024/06/21/mohammed-bin-salman-shuts-pilgrims-out-of-air-conditioned-areas-because-they-are-poor-and-cant-pay-the-fee-as-more-than-1000-die-in-extreme-heat-there-are-many-reasons-he/>

Several human rights organizations and Islamic institutions have launched a hashtag campaign called **“HAJJ IS NOT SAFE” TO DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY CLAIM**

ARE VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES COMMITTED BY SAUDI AUTHORITIES AGAINST PILGRIMS AND VISITORS PERFORMING HAJJ AND UMRAH.

Sanad Human Rights Organisation, a group that defends political and civil rights in the kingdom and monitors and exposes human rights violations, organized the campaign.

In a statement published on Thursday, the organization explained that the campaign was started in response to the **"REPEATED AND ONGOING VIOLATIONS PERPETRATED BY SAUDI AUTHORITIES" WHO THEY ACCUSE OF LURING PILGRIMS BY GRANTING THEM HAJJ AND UMRAH VISAS, ONLY FOR THEM TO BE ARRESTED, IMPRISONED OR DEPORTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THEIR LIVES AND FREEDOM ARE AT RISK.**

<https://nightwatchman.blog/2024/06/21/saudi-arabia-remains-committed-to-serving-muslim-pilgrims-as-long-as-they-can-pay-the-price-mbs-says-over-1000-die-who-cant-pay-the-price-mbs-hails-his-kingdoms-efforts-ensuring/>

[#Sanad](#), in collaboration with a number of [#HumanRights](#) organizations and Islamic institutions, launches the [#HajjIsNotSafe](#) campaign to expose violations of the [#Saudi](#) regime against pilgrims and visitors of the holy sanctities, and to demand an end to these violations. [#Hajj2022 pic.twitter.com/2xDyan2xRf](https://pic.twitter.com/2xDyan2xRf)

— SANAD Organisation (@SANAD_en) [June 16, 2022](#)

The Saudi authorities are accused of using Hajj and Umrah to "repress dissidents," according to the statement.

"The Saudi government adamantly and repeatedly politicizes the Two Holy Mosques of Makkah and Medina, and made Hajj and Umrah a tool of repression, a means of eliminating opponents, and a way of supporting some authoritarian regimes," it added.

Sanad released its annual human rights report for 2021 last month, shedding light on the continued violations of human rights despite numerous warnings from international rights organizations.

"The incessant heinous [practices of human rights violations](#) and the continued policy of arbitrary detention enforced disappearance and brutal torture inside prisons confirms that the Saudi regime is adamant to continue to pursue these policies in managing the country," the report said.

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: SAUDI ARABIA CRACKS DOWN AND RAMPS UP EXECUTIONS

By Al Mayadeen 3 Aug 2021 08:34

Amnesty International reports that Saudi Arabia has cracked down on human rights activists and opponents of the regime, with increased executions over the last 6 months. From January to July 2021, at least 40 people were executed.

Amnesty International has reported that Saudi Arabia is cracking down on opposers of the regime and human rights activists by increasing executions in the last 6 months.



THE ORGANIZATION PUBLISHED A BRIEFING TITLED "SAUDI ARABIA'S POST-G-20 CRACKDOWN ON EXPRESSION". THE BRIEFING RELATES HOW SINCE SAUDI ARABIA ASSUMED THE G-20 PRESIDENCY, IT HAS CARRIED OUT BLATANTLY UNJUST TRIALS AND PROSECUTED, SENTENCED, OR VALIDATED THE SENTENCES OF AT LEAST 13 INDIVIDUALS.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO NOTES HOW THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO INCRIMINATE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VOCAL ABOUT THEIR OPINIONS OR OPENLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, URGING RIYADH TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE ALL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.

IN FEBRUARY 2021, PRINCE OF SAUDI ARABIA, MOHAMMAD BIN SALMAN PLEDGED THAT THE KINGDOM WOULD ADOPT NEW LAWS AND REFORM EXISTING LAWS TO "PRESERVE RIGHTS, SOLIDIFY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND TRANSPARENCY, AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS."

Bin Salman announced plans to reform four major laws: the Personal Status Law, the Civil Transactions Law, the Penal Code for Discretionary Sanctions, and the Law

of Evidence. The Kingdom is yet to release any details about the proposed judicial reforms.

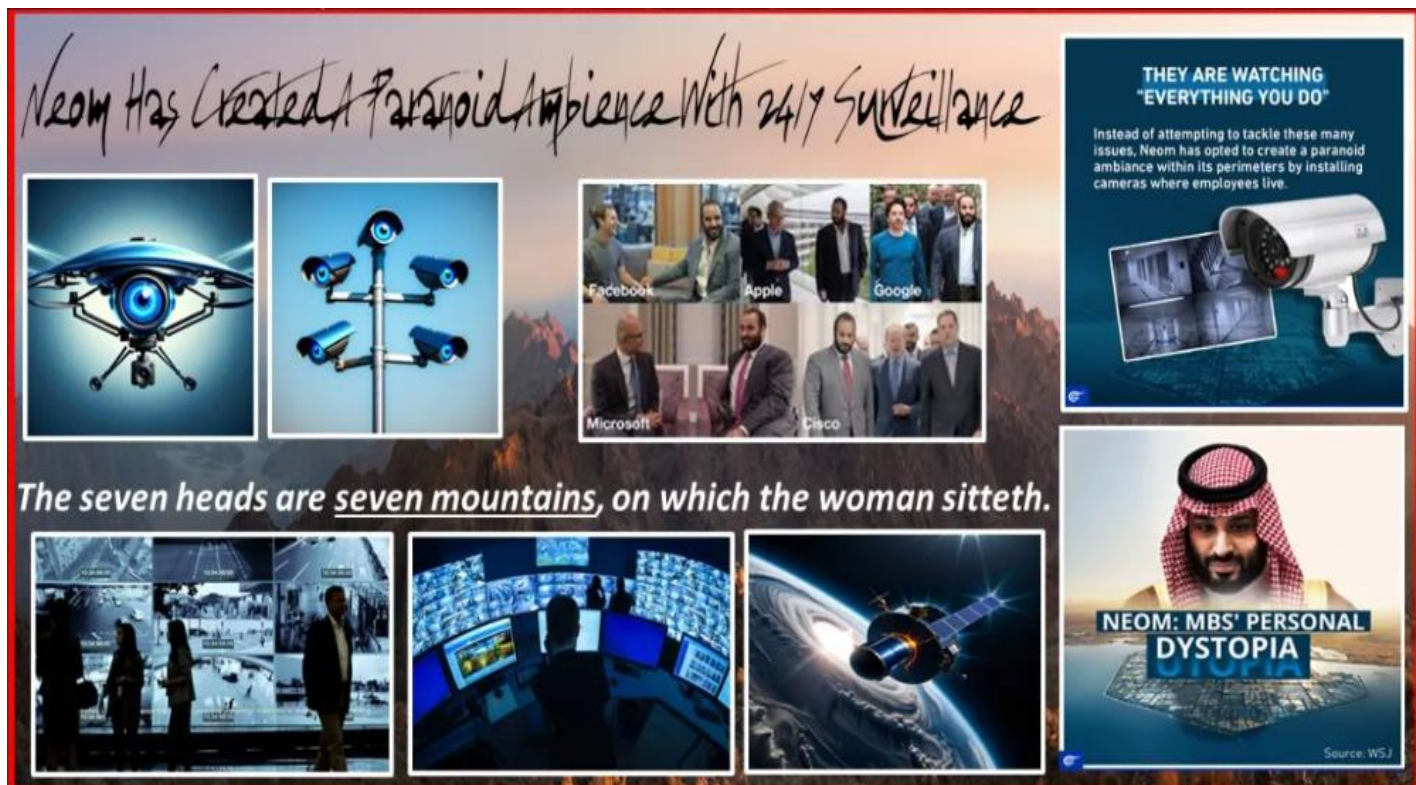
Mustafa al-Darwish is one of those executed, as he was **BEHEADED** on June 15 on charges including "sowing discord" and "disturbing security by rioting". Al-Darwish was executed while handcuffed, and his body was disposed of in an unknown location.

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AI CALLS FOR MORATORIUM ON SALE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE EXPORT, SALE, TRANSFER, AND USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY UNTIL A HUMAN RIGHTS-COMPLIANT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IS IN PLACE.



Amnesty International is calling for an immediate moratorium on the export, sale, transfer, and use of surveillance technology "until there is a human rights-compliant regulatory framework in place."

Amnesty International said the allegations of **GOVERNMENTS USING SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY PROVIDED BY THE ISRAELI NSO GROUP TO SPY ON JOURNALISTS, ACTIVISTS, AND HEADS OF STATE "HAVE EXPOSED A GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS."** The NGO warned in a Friday statement of the "impact of the **POORLY REGULATED SPYWARE INDUSTRY ON HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE."**

"NOT ONLY DOES [THE SYSTEMATIC TARGETING OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, JOURNALISTS, AND LAWYERS] EXPOSE THE RISK AND HARM TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS UNLAWFULLY TARGETED, BUT ALSO THE EXTREMELY DESTABILIZING CONSEQUENCES ON GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE SECURITY OF THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT AT LARGE," said Amnesty International Secretary-General Agnes Callamard.

"NSO Group is just one company," warned Callamard. "This is a dangerous industry that has operated on the edges of legality for too long, and this cannot be allowed to continue," she added.

The Secretary-General continued, "Now, **WE URGENTLY NEED GREATER REGULATION OVER THE CYBER-SURVEILLANCE INDUSTRY, ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES, AND GREATER OVERSIGHT OVER THIS SHADOWY INDUSTRY."**

Amnesty International and Forbidden Stories worked together with several news agencies, such as The Washington Post, The Guardian, and Le Monde to publish leaks stating that there are more than **50,000 (5) RECORDS OF PHONE NUMBERS THAT NSO CLIENTS SELECTED FOR SURVEILLANCE** since 2016.

PEGASUS SPYWARE TARGETED PROMINENT AND INFLUENTIAL FIGURES ALL AROUND THE GLOBE, INCLUDING POLITICIANS AND JOURNALISTS.

Through the [leaked data](#) and the investigations carried out by Forbidden Stories and its media partners, the NGO and its partners were able to identify potential NSO clients in 11 countries: Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, Rwanda, **SAUDI ARABIA**, Togo, and the United Arab Emirates.



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FIVE-FOLD SINS RESULTING IN MEN'S ETERNAL DAMNATION:

1. *Worship the beast. (6X). (Rev. 13:4, 13:8, 13:12, 14:9, 14:11)*
2. *Worship the beast's image. (6X). (Rev. 13:14, 13:15, 14:9, 14:11, 16:2, 19:20)*
3. *Take the beast's mark. (6X). (Rev. 13:16, 13:17, 14:9, 14:11, 16:2, 19:20)*
4. *Take the beast's number. (2X). (Rev. 13:17, 13:18)*
5. *Take the beast's name. (2X). (Rev. 13:17, 14:11)*

Commentary: There are a total of eighteen (18) verses that indicate the eternal sins of damnation that result from worshipping the beast, worshipping his image and taking his mark of identification. Three (3) denotes God's emphasis and intensity. Six (6) denotes the evil number of man = 18, or 6+6+6 = 18, or 666 . . . "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six Hundred and threescore and six (666)." (Rev. 13:18). Worshipping the beast, his image and taking his mark are the eternal sins that men commit during the Tribulation.

There are a total of ten (10) combined references of evil men taking the beast's mark, number or name. These three descriptions are synonymous with being identified with (or belonging) to the beast and his system. Ten (10) denotes God's allness or physical completeness regarding things on earth. These ten references indicate man's complete earthly evilness and damnation resulting from taking either the mark, number or name of the beast and his kingdom.

These men are so deceived and evil, that they not only allow themselves to worship the beast and his fake image, but they allow themselves to be physically 'branded' or marked in order to be identified with the beast. Evil men obtain this mark, number or name so they can also participate in the global economy in terms of buying and selling. They have to be identified as having this mark, number or name, physically evident on either their right hand or forehead, in order to be allowed to execute a purchasing or selling transaction. Once evil men worship the beast, his image and take his mark (or number, name), they are damned.

There are three verses regarding a very specific, powerful and clear angelic warning given to men on earth, to NOT worship the beast, or his image, or take his mark (name, number). Three (3) denotes God's emphasis and intensity.

... "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Rev. 14:9, 14:10, 14:11)

Twice (2) the message is directed at men. The angel repeats himself indicating that the message is for men and what behavior is judged eternally sinful (for ever and ever). Men who worship the beast, his image and take his mark will;

- 1. Experience God's wrath.*
- 2. God's wrath will not be diluted, or held back, but given in full strength.*
- 3. They will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone for torment.*
- 4. Their torment will be forever and ever (eternity).*
- 5. Their torment will be witnessed by holy angels.*

6. *Their torment will take place in the presence of the Lamb.*
7. *They will have no rest day or night, forever and ever (eternity).*

There are seven (7) specific results that stem from men worshipping the beast, his image and taking his mark (name or number). Seven (7) denotes God's divinely determined completeness as to his purpose or plan. Eternal punishment in the lake of fire and brimstone, day and night is the strongest wrath that God gives evil men (and Satan, beast/antichrist and false prophet). There is a specific mention that this torment takes place in the presence of the Lamb. These men, while in their torment, will see or consciously be aware of the existence of Jesus Christ. This will provide added pain, anguish and misery since they will be painfully made aware of the choice of their decisions (to worship the beast, his image and take his mark). They were warned not to do what they did.

The Bible gives plenty of examples of the glory that is given to those who did NOT worship the beast, his image or take his mark. Yet, despite the angelic warning . . . despite the 3 ½ year testimony of two witness and prophets . . . despite the witnessing of Tribulation Saints . . . despite the flying angel who proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ . . . evil men still chose to worship the beast, his image and to take his mark, name or number.

They chose to ignore the messages, the warnings, and the testimonies. And now, they are in the lake of fire and brimstone, and will have to pay the price for their evil decision(s), for eternity. They see Jesus Christ, and have become painfully aware of what they could have had through Jesus Christ and instead, they chose the false, empty promises of Satan by worshipping the beast, his image and taking his mark, name or number.

Their extreme bitterness and woeful regret will emotionally torment them for eternity, in addition to the physical pain, suffering and torment that they will experience in the lake of fire for eternity. Through their decision to follow Satan, God gave them exactly what they wanted. They did not want anything to do with Jesus Christ, who paid for their sins with his own blood. As such, God gave them over to Satan, since it was their free decision or choice, and what they desired while they were physically alive on earth.

These evil men did everything humanly possible to ignore warnings, to blaspheme God, to ignore the gospel of Jesus Christ, and instead they accepted and believed

in lies, worshipped Satan, the beast and his image. Evil men even went so far as to physically defile their bodies (flesh) by taking the branding (mark, number or name) of the beast. All of these actions and behaviors enabled evil men to give themselves totally and wholeheartedly over to Satan through his system of the beast/antichrist and the false prophet.

There are two visions describing what John the Apostle saw, regarding men who were overcomers (them that had gotten victory) by NOT worshipping the beast, his image or taking his mark, number or name.

. . . “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgements are made manifest.” (Rev. 15:2, 15:3, 15:4).

. . . “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4).

Men who do NOT worship the beast, his image and take his mark are described as;

- 1. They are in heaven (stand on a sea of glass).*
- 2. They have harps of God.*
- 3. They sing praises and worship Jesus Christ for their salvation.*
- 4. They acknowledge that God’s judgements came to pass.*
- 5. They are given thrones upon which they sit upon.*
- 6. They are given judgement.*
- 7. They live and reign with Christ for a thousand years.*

There are seven (7) specific results that stem from men NOT worshipping the beast, his image and taking his mark (name or number). Seven (7) denotes God’s divinely determined completeness as to his purpose or plan. These blessings or glories are

the complete opposite of what awaits those men who DID worship the beast, his image and took his mark, name, number.

12 REFERENCES TO JUDGE / JUDGING / JUDGEMENT:

1. . . . “And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not **JUDGE AND AVENGE OUR BLOOD** on them that dwell on the earth.” (Rev. 6:10).
2. . . . “And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that **THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED**, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest **DESTROY THEM WHICH DESTROY THE EARTH.**” (Rev. 11:18).
3. . . . “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for **THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGEMENT IS COME:** and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” (Rev. 14:7).
4. . . . “Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for **THY ARE MADE MANIFEST.**” (Rev. 15:4).
5. . . . “And I heard the angel of the water say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, **BECAUSE THOU HAST JUDGED THUS.**” (Rev. 16:5).
6. . . . “And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, **TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ARE THY JUDGMENTS.**” (Rev. 16:7).
7. . . . “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee **THE JUDGEMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE** that sitteth upon many waters:” (Rev. 17:1).
8. . . . “Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for **STRONG IS THE LORD GOD WHO JUDGETH HER.**” (Rev. 18:8).
9. . . . “Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For **IN ONE HOUR IS THY JUDGEMENT COME.**” (Rev. 18:10).

10... “For **TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ARE HIS JUDGEMENTS**: for **HE HATH JUDGED THE GREAT WHORE**, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath **AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS SERVANTS** at her hand.” (Rev. 19:2).

11. . .And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and **THE DEAD WERE JUDGED OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.**” (Rev. 20:12).

12. . . “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **THEY WERE JUDGED EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS.**” (Rev. 20:13).



JUDGING OR JUDGEMENT IS DESCRIBED AS;

God is the judge and provides judgements or decisions based on the actions, behaviors and deeds of men and angels.

Judgement is a decision requested to be made on behalf of someone (Tribulation Saints) who were wrongfully hurt (beheaded).

Someone (nations) are caught bloody red handed and are angry knowing that they will be judged for their actions, behavior and evil deeds. They are angry because they didn't get away with it and were caught. They know they are going to have pay a price which they can't afford.

Judgement is a request that someone be righted a wrong done to them.

Judgement is a request for a reward promised based on a stated outcome.

Judgement is based on timing. An evil act is done, its results are noted and accounted for. Time comes for the evil act to be judged and the resulting judgement exercised or made manifest.

Judgement, or the decision of what should be done has to be acted upon or made to occur (sent to prison). This is known as making a judgement manifest or physically exercised. This is the doing of what should be done.

Witnesses in the public gallery indicate that God's judgements are "true and righteous." This means that the public gallery can attest to the fact that God did take everything into account, all the details, actions, deeds, events, behaviors, statements, intents and came to the correct and truthful conclusion regarding the matter. Nothing was left out. Everything was taken into consideration as evidence, properly evaluated and applied against the benchmark, standard and/or law that was being applied. God's administration of justice and his resulting judgements are found to be accurate, spot on, truthful, correct, no question about it. In Biblical words, "true and righteous."

God is described as judging the "great whore" a.k.a. Babylon City (the great worldly capital of the beast's/antichrist's kingdom).

God is strong, meaning he can't be swayed or weak in the sense that he lets some evil slide a bit in terms of not being judged or of receiving judgement. He is firm in his judgements and not weak-kneed. He does not fold under public pressure. He can't be influenced, bribed, manipulated or pushed by a particular special interest group, lobby or entrenched political ideology or group. He is strong, firm, steadfast, unwavering in the application of his administration of justice.

The wrath of his resulting judgements is not watered down or filtered out or held back. He gives the criminal, evil-person no slack and gives them the fullest extent of prison term possible (eternity). They are not sent to a plush prison serving three square meals a day with a basketball court, but to a lake of fire and brimstone. God does not 'molly-coddle' the evil, he gives them exactly what they deserve. He does not withhold his judgements, he pours out his wrath in full strength (at just the right time).

God's judgement comes very swiftly, within "one hour." There is no long drawn out period of rebuttals, challenges, reviews, counter-suits, passing on to a higher court, etc. A decision is made and done. The action of the decision is made manifest, very quickly. There is no delay in the manifestation of the decision. Babylon City is destroyed within one hour, split into three parts by a very great earthquake, consumed by fire and hammered by 100lb. hailstones (weight of a talent). Period.

There is no punishment meted out in stages, over a long period of time. There is no slap on the wrist that comes with an admonition to don't do it again. The celestial sledgehammer is dropped quickly and decisively, no force is held back.

God's judgement includes not only the living but also the dead. Jesus Christ opens his book of life, to see if a dead man's name is in it. The book of life is not unlike an accounting ledger that records all the debits and credits amassed over a period of time. These debits and credits are referred to as "according to their works." If a man's name is found in his book of life, Jesus acknowledges as much to the Father and "confesses the man's name even to the angels." Through Jesus Christ and his book of life, God is able to righteously judge dead men. Jesus' book of life accounts for everyone, past, present and future.

Numbers within numbers, meanings within meanings. Twelve (12) descriptions of judging or judgement and twelve (12) references or verses from throughout the book of Revelation. Judging / Judgement. (Def.); to form a conclusion about a subject or outcome, to decide as in a case of court, to give a verdict about someone or something in court as truthful, applying the administration of justice and truthfulness. Only God and Jesus Christ are the judges. Period.

Only God and Jesus Christ do the judging. Period. Only God and Jesus Christ reward, withhold or punish. Period. Only God and Jesus Christ are judge, jury, and jailer. God has his wrath. Jesus Christ has the keys to heaven and hell. Having judgement and

exercising judgement is derived from authority and rule. One can only be a judge if they have the authority to judge and the right to judge. One has to be competent to judge, to be able to discern right from wrong, truth from lies, good from evil, just from unjust, righteousness from unrighteousness, clarity from deception, godly from ungodliness, saved from unsaved.

To be able to judge, one has to know all the facts, all the outcomes, all the intents, all the behaviors and apply these against a benchmark, a standard, a law that determines whether the data observed meet the benchmark, standard or law. Since God is omnipotent and knows everything occurring past, present and future, he is supremely just in knowing everything to take into account in performing judgement. He is the only one capable of exercising correct, truthful and righteous judgement because he can and does take everything into consideration when exercising his administration of justice.

Jesus Christ is the benchmark, the standard and/or the law. Jesus Christ paid our court fees, he paid the bail, and also paid a very expensive price so we wouldn't have to go to jail, to the dungeon, to the hangman or to the lake of fire. God's law of righteousness and truthfulness is;

Admit/Acknowledge/Accept that you are sinner. Ask God's forgiveness and repent of your sins.

. . .For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

. . .As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. (Romans 3:10)

. . .If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

Believe Jesus is Lord. Believe that Jesus Christ is who He claimed to be; that He was both fully God and fully man and that we are saved through His death, burial, and resurrection. Put your trust in Him as your only hope of salvation. Become a son or daughter of God by receiving Christ.

. . .That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the

world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:15-17). For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)

Call upon His name, Confess with your heart and with your lips that Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

...That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10)

This is the benchmark, standard and/or law by which God judges men. If Jesus Christ finds a man who meets this benchmark, standard and/or law, he acknowledges and confesses the man's name before God as belonging to him and having meet the requirements. Jesus Christ acts as our lawyer, on our behalf, in the administration of God's justice. Jesus saves us in God's court of law and in the administration of God's justice.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT



GREAT WHITE THRONE AND ETERNAL JUDGEMENT

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But the fearful, and **UNBELIEVING**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in **THE LAKE WHICH BURNETH WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE: WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH.**



And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

SEVEN-FOLD REFERENCE TO LAKE OF FIRE JUDGEMENT:

1. "He that hath an ear, let hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of **THE SECOND DEATH (LAKE OF FIRE).**" (Rev. 2:11).
2. "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he **SHALL BE TORMENTED WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE** in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Rev. 14:10-11).
3. "And **THE BEAST** was taken, and with him **THE FALSE PROPHET** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These **BOTH WERE CAST ALIVE INTO A LAKE OF FIRE BURNING WITH BRIMSTONE.**" (Rev. 19:20).
4. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into **THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHERE THE BEAST AND THE FALSE PROPHET ARE,** and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." (Rev. 20:10).
5. "And death and hell were cast into **THE LAKE OF FIRE. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH.**" (Rev. 20:14).
6. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life **WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.**" (Rev. 20:15).

7. *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part **IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNETH WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE: WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH.**”* (Rev. 21:8).

The lake of fire is also known as the ‘second death’. This is the final place of burning, everlasting torment for Satan, the antichrist, the false prophet and those un-saved, un-believing souls from throughout the ages found NOT to be in the book of life, at the white throne judgement, at the end of the Millennium. The lake of fire and second death are also reserved for those deceived during the Tribulation who took the mark of the beast and worshipped him and his image.

The evil dead are resurrected to be judged by Christ for their evil works and for their rejection of Him who offered himself for their salvation and forgiveness of their sins. As a result of their sins and judgment, they are cast into the lake of fire that represents a second death (the first death being physical body death and souls/spirits being in Hell). The evil dead are resurrected into bodies and cast into the lake of fire to be severely tormented, having no rest day or night, and are absent from a loving God and their Savior who offered himself for them.

THE GREAT IRONY IS THAT THESE PEOPLE RECEIVED EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANTED. THEY REFUSED CHRIST AND WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM, THEY WANTED TO EXIST IN ETERNITY WITHOUT COMMUNION WITH GOD AND CHRIST, ON THEIR OWN TERMS. THEY LITERALLY RECEIVED WHAT THEY ASKED FOR. THE STENCH OF THEIR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL TORMENT RISES UP IN SMOKE, FOR ETERNITY.

God made both man and angels as eternal beings, hence they will exist forever in one state or another. Which state will any of us choose to exist in? The choice is up to us, and God grants us the freedom to make that choice for ourselves. For better or worse, we have no one to blame (certainly not God) except ourselves for whatever choices we make on earth.

MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALISE THIS UNTILL IT'S TOO LATE: STANDING AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

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