

SAUDI ARABIA: STOP THE EXECUTION OF ABDULLAH AL-DERAZI

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Your Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud,

Following the execution of Jalal Labbad on 21 August 2025 for alleged crimes committed as a child, I am deeply distressed about **Abdullah al-Derazi**. As with Jalal Labbad, Abdullah al-Derazi was under the age of 18 at the time of his alleged crime. The imposition of the death penalty for crimes committed when they were children is absolutely prohibited by international human rights and customary law. Abdullah al-Derazi's death sentence should be immediately quashed.

Abdullah al-Derazi was convicted and sentenced to death in a grossly unfair trial that lacked procedural safeguards. He had no access to legal representation during his pretrial detention and told the court he was tortured to "confess". The court did not investigate his claims of torture and other ill-treatment. By refusing to quash Abdullah al-Derazi's death sentence, Saudi authorities have also reneged on their own promises to end the use of the death penalty for ta'zir offences committed by persons below 18 years of age.

I urge you not to ratify the death sentence of Abdullah al-Derazi and to call on the competent authorities to quash his conviction and order a fair retrial without recourse to the death penalty. Furthermore, I call on you to order a prompt, impartial, independent, and effective investigation into his claims of torture and illtreatment recorded in court documents reviewed by Amnesty International, including severe beatings. Saudi Arabia must immediately establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty in Saudi Arabia.

Yours sincerely,

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