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King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques
Office of His Majesty the King
Royal Court, Riyadh
SAUDI-ARABIA

Hamburg, 10 March 2019

Dear King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud,

Nassima al-Sada is a women human rights defender who has been arbitrarily detained since July 2018 without trial or charge. According to trusted sources, Nassima al-Sada has been placed in solitary confinement since early February 2019 in al-Mabahith prison in Dammam.

Nassima has been campaigning for civil and political rights, the rights of the Shi'a community in the eastern province, and women's rights, in particular, the right of women to drive and for the end of the repressive male guardianship system. Prior to her arrest, Nassima al-Sada had been repeatedly targeted, harassed, and placed under travel bans for her human rights activism.

I urge you to release Nassima al-Sada as well as all other human rights activists detained without charge, immediately and unconditionally. Nassima al-Sada is a prisoner of conscience, solely detained for peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression, assembly and association.

Yours respectfully

[name and signature]