

## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING FAIR TRIAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights Statement: on the detention of Qatari citizen Nawaf Talal AL-Rashid and his arbitrary detention by the Saudi authorities



Nawaf Talal AL-Rashid

ICSFT has received the news of the extradition of Nawaf Talal AL-Rashid with extreme concern and deep regret. Nawaf holds Qatari nationality, and his Saudi nationality has been waived. He is one of the descendants of the princes of Hail in Najd. His current whereabouts, and the conditions of his confinement, are unknown.

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Earlier, the State of Kuwait has handed him over to the Saudi authorities, pursuant to the GCC Security Agreement based on Article 16. This is in spite of the fact that the Parliament in Kuwait did not ratify it, and it was rejected by the Kuwaiti citizens. Considering this, implementation of one of the Items of the agreement is contrary to the Kuwaiti Constitution and the International Charters.

ICSFT calls on all international bodies and the organizations concerned with human rights, especially the Panel on the Issue on Arbitrary Detention, and The Panel Concerned with Enforced disappearance, to intervene immediately and expeditiously to release the Qatari national detained by the Saudi authorities, which violated the human rights and laws and international Charters, without any formal charges and without any legal justification for his detention. It is a matter of concern not to know where he is being held or Forced disappearance.

ICSFT calls on all parties involved to ensure his release from Saudi detainment, as they are responsible for the safety and security of the detained Qatari citizen, including the reality that he may be exposed to the risk of torture.

ICSFT condemns the Kuwaiti and Saudi governments' facilitation of the violation of Nawaf Talal AL-Rashid's rights, and demands his freedom

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and safety, as stipulated in the United Nations Charters, international laws and international treaties.

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