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Your Majesty,

I am greatly concerned about **Loujain al-Hathloul, Iman al-Nafjan** and **Aziza al-Yousef**, who have been detained by the Saudi authorities since mid-May 2018. The three activists are leading campaigners in calling for women's right to drive, the end of discrimination against women and the abolishment of the male guardianship system in Saudi Arabia. Since then, two other women human rights defenders, Samar Badawi and Nassima al-Sada, have also been arrested.

The detained women human rights defenders have reportedly faced sexual harassment, torture and other forms of ill-treatment during interrogation. According to three separate testimonies obtained by Amnesty International, several activists, including women, were repeatedly tortured by electrocution and flogging, leaving some unable to walk or stand properly. According to a testimony, one of the detained women was reportedly subjected to sexual harassment by interrogators wearing face masks. Prison authorities have also reportedly warned detained activists against disclosing any accounts of torture or prison procedures to family members.

As a member / sympathizing of amnesty international, I respectfully urge you to ensure that the five women human rights defenders are released immediately and unconditionally, and that pending their release, they are given access to their family and a lawyer of their choosing without delay. Please also make sure that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment.

Yours sincerely

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