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NASSIMA AL-SADA, SAUDI ARABIA

**LOCKED UP
FOR DEMANDING
WOMEN'S FREEDOM**

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Nassima al-Sada loves animals and cherishes her garden back home. Even in her prison cell, she has a carefully tended plant. It is her only link to the outside world.

For much of her life, Nassima has campaigned for women's rights in Saudi Arabia. She was one of several prominent activists campaigning for women to have the right to drive and to carry out their daily lives without the permission of a male "guardian."

Saudi Arabia's guardianship laws required women to seek a man's permission to go out, and to fulfill other basic needs such as travel, marrying, working, or accessing healthcare. While these laws have been eased recently, Nassima and other activists who campaigned to end the guardianship system remain behind bars. "Why should an under-age boy be the guardian of a woman who is an adult?" Nassima wrote in 2016. "Why isn't there an age at which a woman becomes an adult, responsible for her decisions and her life? Why should there be a man responsible for her life?"



Nassima was arrested for her peaceful human rights work in July 2018. While in jail, she was ill-treated. She was placed in a cell alone, in complete isolation from other detainees from February 2019 to February 2020. She is allowed one weekly phone call with her family, but no visits, not even from her lawyer.

Still, Nassima and her family aren't giving up. Nor should we.

Tell Saudi Arabia to free Nassima and other women's rights activists now.

WRITE TO THE KING OF SAUDI ARABIA

Urge him to free Nassima and other women's rights activists immediately and unconditionally.

His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud

c/o Embassy for Saudi Arabia
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Ottawa, Ontario K1N 1K6
Twitter: @KingSalman

HELP KEEP NASSIMA'S SPIRIT STRONG

On social media, post a photo of you gardening or simply enjoying the sun and include a personal message to Nassima. Remember to tag her @nasema33, as well as @KingSalman and @AmnestyNow. Use the hashtag #FreeNassima.

You can also mail a card to Nassima's son, Moussa :

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