



**WOMEN'S
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Women's March Global Launches Campaign to End Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

Women's March Global and their Coalition calls for an end to arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the immediate release of Saudi activists

World | 14 November 2018 - Women's March Global has been advocating for the immediate and unconditional release of women human rights defenders [arrested](#) in Saudi Arabia since May of 2018. However the Saudi Arabian government has continued to silence and oppress women human rights defenders while leading the war in Yemen, resulting in the deaths of thousands from injury, starvation and disease. As global citizens **we must call on our governments to suspend their arms sales to Saudi Arabia and demand the release of Saudi activists.**

Over [10,000](#) Yemeni civilians have been injured or killed by Saudi-led coalition airstrikes. According to the UN Saudi-led coalition airstrikes have hit residential areas, markets, funerals, wedding, detention facilities, boats and medical facilities. Perhaps most alarming is Saudi Arabia has purchased more than [\\$2.6 trillion](#) worth of arms from USA, France, and The United Kingdom among other countries. It is imperative that countries stop providing Saudi Arabia with deadly arms.

At the same time at least 15 Saudi women's rights activists [have been jailed](#) since May 2018 for demanding an end to the male guardianship system; a system that renders women legal minors. Furthermore these activists have been [banned from accessing lawyers](#) and many have been unable to speak to worried family and friends.

"As a US Army veteran I recognize the impact the military has on the entire world and the amount of lives lost through arms sales," says Uma Mishra-Newbery, Women's March Global Director of Global Community. "We deeply respect Remembrance Day and feel that in the days following we

must strive and push for peace in Yemen. As a result we are directly addressing the countries providing arms to Saudi Arabia.”

Women’s March Global and their Coalition partners ([ISHR](#), Americans for Democracy & Human Rights Bahrain ([ADHRB](#)), [Gulf Center for Human Rights](#)) are asking people to follow these four steps:

1. Email the contacts listed on the [Women’s March Global campaign page](#) using the email template provided.
2. Bcc action@womensmarchglobal.org so the amount of emails can be tracked.
3. Share the action on your social media.
4. Sign the [petition](#) calling on the United Nations to hold Saudi Arabia accountable.

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ABOUT WOMEN’S MARCH GLOBAL

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