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## Over 50 Human Rights Organisations Join Together to Publicly Address Saudi Arabia's Human Rights Violations

Women's March Global one of the many organisations participating in the letter to call for the release of women human rights defenders

**WORLD | March 1 -** More than 50 human rights organisations around the world have come together to compose a letter to over 30 foreign affairs ministers in regards to the numerous human rights violations committed by Saudi Arabia. Most specifically, the letter addresses the women and men who were imprisoned in mid-2018 for peacefully campaigning for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Those detained have not been given access to legal representation and have been subject to numerous forms of torture including electric shocks, sexual threats, sexual harassment, waterboarding and flogging.

Uma Mishra-Newbery, Interim Executive Director of Women's March Global noted that the intent of the letter is to bring awareness of this issue to a global stage.

"After 300 days of imprisonment, torture, and silencing of Women's Rights Activists - after the brutal murder of Khashoggi, even after the continued bombing of Yemen - International governments are failing to hold Saudi Arabia accountable. We hope the release of this letter is in time for the 40th session of the Human Rights Council and will remind world leaders that the time to act is now."

The letter has been released publically in both English and Arabic.

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