## A Bi-weekly Newsletter on Issues Related to Saudi Shiites

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# SAUDI ARABIA DISSIDENT VOICES STIFLED IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

#### **AI Report on Saudi Arabia Dissent Conditions**

Amnesty International (AI) recently released its report "Saudi Arabia; Dissent Voices Stifled in Eastern Province" in which it revealed the status of dissents in Saudi Arabia. The report indicates that demonstrations are ongoing since February 2011 in Saudi Arabia's predominantly Shiite Muslim Eastern Province, and "hundreds of individuals have...

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#### Report "Freedom in shackles" urges "effective measures" for respect human rights in Kingdom

Adala Center for Human Rights revealed documents on cases of torture against detainees who had participated in peaceful protests in the Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia. A report that was issued by the Center indicated that the Saudi authorities have arrested more than six hundred people since the launch of protest...

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## AlManasif Appears in Court in another Meeting

The human rights activist, Fadhil AlManasif, appeared in another meeting at the Specialized Criminal Court in Jeddah, on Wednesday, May 9th, 2012. AlManasif was detained for more than eight months since the beginning of last October. Last month, he appeared in the same court for being accused of participating in peaceful marches and...

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## Justice Saudi-Style - Treat "Peaceful" Dissidents as Terrorists

The Saudi justice minister Dr Muhammad al-'Issa was in London in late April. But, at the last minute, he cancelled a meeting with interested organisations and academics that I was to attend because – we were told – he preferred to meet only with the British government. We had many questions about the rule of law and reform of the Saudi...

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## Saudi Arabia: Abolish Terrorism Courts

Saudi Arabia should abolish the Specialized Criminal Court, set up in 2008 to try terrorism cases, but increasingly used to try peaceful dissidents and rights activists on politicized charges and in proceedings that violate the right to a fair trial, Human Rights Watch said today. In April, it sentenced two people to prison for their peaceful activism, and the...

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# **Articles**



# **Qatif; Voluntary Work and Intellectual Communication**

Qatif is a region in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia which is about 900 km2. This region has a well-civilized cultural activity, and distinguished by its many Art centers and intellectual forums such as Althulatha Cultural Forum, AlHiwar Cultural Forum and AlSafa Cultural Forum as well as by several women forums like AlNoor Women Cultural...

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# **Arab's Contemporary Tragedies**

Daily murders and events in several Arab and Muslims states are making us totally believe that we are, as Arabs, living a severely complicated ordeal, and all of the killing, allegiance questioning, incitement and counter-incitement are only the simplest part of an enormous ordeal that we live in all aspects of life. It seems that believing in an...

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