

Saudi Arabia – Time for Accountability

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Saudi Arabia – Time for Accountability seeks to draw on the findings of the reports of the Special Rapporteurs on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights Defenders on the current human rights situation in Saudi Arabia. The panellists will reflect on the impact of disproportionate counter-terrorism measures on fundamental freedoms. Focus will be placed on the Saudi human rights defenders who have been unjustly prosecuted, tortured, ill-treated and arbitrarily detained in recent years, with a particular emphasis on women human rights defenders. The panellists will also discuss ways to engage the international community, as well as the role of Special Procedures, in ensuring that the Saudi authorities are held to account.

Panellists

Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Michel Forst, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Johannes Mosskin, Right Livelihood Award Foundation

Julia Legner, MENA Rights Group

Yahya Assiri, Saudi human rights defender and Executive Director of Alqst

Zaynab Al-Khawaja, Gulf Centre for Human Rights

Omaima al-Najjar, Saudi blogger and human rights defender

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