

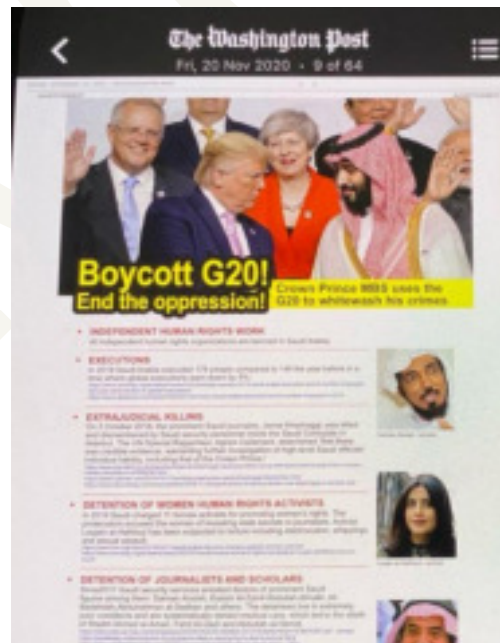


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AOHR PRESS RELEASE: THE SHAMEFUL SUMMIT

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR) along with the detainee's families -Abdullah Al-Odah, Lina Al-Hathoul, Areej Alsadhan - launched a full page advertisement campaign in today's (Friday) editions of a number of high-profile international newspapers; Washington Post (USA), The Guardian (UK), LA Times (US), Sueddeutsche Zeitung (Germany) and The Star (Canada) to highlight the massive human rights violations of the Saudi regime and to call for boycotting the G20 summit due to be held in Saudi Arabia on Saturday and Sunday 21 -22 November. While Saudi Arabia hosts the summit, it continues to detain scholars and activists -men and women-and deprive them of their basic human rights in blatant hypocrisy.

This summit is a sham and used by the Saudi regime to whitewash its bad human rights record and its atrocities in Yemen.





The summit is being attended by the leaders of the G20 nations around the world including the United States, France, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada and Italy, nations that pride themselves on upholding human rights. This is hypocrisy of the highest order and is not compatible with the laws and ethos. We call on the Saudi regime to free the political prisoners and to respect their basic rights and legal due process. The Saudi leaders insist on abusing their citizens' rights as they feel they have full immunity and protection from international reaction as long as they are involved in deals worth hundreds of billions of Dollars.

The lack of accountability proves that the attending leaders are more concerned with their short-sighted arms deals rather than human rights. This summit gives the green light to the brutal Saudi regime to continue in its daily business of suppressing opponents who dislike its agenda. We join other human rights organisations and activity around the world in raising our voices to demand respect for basic human rights in Saudi Arabia and the region. We won't stop until the Saudi regime commit to and uphold international laws and human rights within their border and beyond.

Signed by:

AOHR UK

Areej Alsadhan

Abdullah Alaoudh

Lina Al-Hathoul

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End the oppression!** Crown Prince MBS uses the G20 to whitewash his crimes

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- UNFAIR TRIALS**
Detainees are subjected to unfair trials and the appointment of inexperienced judges, often who have a vested interest in the government.

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**G20 boykottieren!
Unterdrückung beenden!** Kronprinz MBS nutzt G20 zur Übertünchung seiner Verbrechen

- UNABHÄNGIGE MENSCHENRECHTSARBEIT**
Alle unabhängigen Menschenrechtsorganisationen sind in Saudi-Arabien verboten.
- Hinrichtungen**
Im Jahr 2019 wurden in Saudi-Arabien fast doppelt so viele Hinrichtungen verhängt wie noch 2018, während weltweit die Zahl der Exekutionen um 9% zurückging.
- AUSSERGERICHTLICHE HINRICHTUNGEN**
Am 2. Oktober 2019 wurde der bekannte Journalist Jamal Khashoggi im saudi-arabischen Konsulat in Istanbul von Sicherheitskräften getötet und zerstückelt. Die UN-Sonderberichterstatterin Agnes Callaman forderte, dass einschlägige und untersuchungsrelevante Beweise für die persönliche Verantwortung hochrangiger saudi-arabischer Funktionäre, auch des Kronprinzen, verfügbar sein müssen.
- INHAFTERUNG VON MENSCHENRECHTLERINNEN**
Im Jahr 2019 wurden in Saudi-Arabien 11 Aktivistinnen wegen ihrer Arbeit für die Frauenrechte verhaftet. Die Demonstrantinnen warfen ihnen die Weitergabe von Staatsgeheimnissen an Journalisten vor. Die Aktivistin Loujain al-Hathloul wurde unter anderem mit Stromschlägen, Stockprügeln und sexueller Gewalt gequält.
- INHAFTERUNG VON JOURNALISTEN UND GELEHRTEN**
Seit 2017 haben die saudi-arabischen Sicherheitskräfte Dutzende bekannte Persönlichkeiten festgenommen, wie z. B. Salwan Al-Dabbas, Essam Al-Darbi, Akkaba Almutairi, Al-Hadi Al-Hadi und Fahad Al-Hadi. Ein Inhaftieren führt unter sehr schlechten Haftbedingungen und ohne jeden Zugang zu rechtlicher Vertretung. Dies führte zum Tod von Sheikh Ahmed al-Amari, Fahad al-Jarrah und Akkaba al-Hadi.
- UNFAIRE GERICHTSVERFAHREN**
Den Inhaftierten drohen unfaire Verfahren und die Ernennung unqualifizierter Richter, die sich an rechtsstaatliche Verfahren und langjährige Strafrechtsregeln nicht halten.