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الفيفا تطلق صفارة جحيم حقوق الإنسان السعودي FIFA Kicks off Saudi Human Rights Nightmare

Part One:

Saudi Government Killed Dozens of Athletes & Athletes Facing Execution and/or Missing in Saudi Prisons

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Preface

The purpose of this report is to inform the Swiss government, the FIFA, European governments, officials, media, and relevant non-governmental actors about FIFA's plan to award the absolute Saudi dictatorship the right to host the World Cup 2034.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest absolute monarchy and allowing it to submit a bid, let alone accepting it, is a crime under the Swiss Lex FIFA Anti-Corruption Law and US Federal Law

Both the bid and the award are clear human rights crimes, which violate a plethora of international laws and standards, and are in stark opposition to FIFA's Code of Ethics, and standing practices. FIFA has banned over 51 countries over much smaller violations than those detailed in this report.

Most importantly, FIFA's acceptance of the Saudi bid is an <u>act of Racism</u> that endorses the Saudi Dictatorship's racist policies against millions of Black citizens and crimes against its people.

The human rights situation in Saudi Arabia is the worst by far since its foundation in 1932. The Saudi government has killed or executed hundreds of protesters including children; tortured and imprisoned thousands of activists, thinkers, poets, authors, university professors, economists, religious leaders, and children who are spending decades in prison, and has used sport facilities to kill, torture, and imprison hundreds of civilians including young children.

Women activists are spending decades in prisons for no real crime or for expressing their opinions.

The Saudi Government is committing massive religious freedom crimes against its people, but most egregious against the Shia Arab citizens, especially in Riyadh, Jeddah and Khober, where most of the matches are planned. Simply, FIFA wants to hold a World Cup in religious freedom deserts, where millions of Shia Arab residents are banned from publically or privately practice their faith and/or culture, and from building their places of worship. Moreover, Christian, Hindu, Sikh and other non-Muslim believers living across Saudi are also banned from gathering to practice their faith or build their own places of worship.

Also, the Saudi government has carried out massive environment disasters, including razing the country's oldest and largest community-owned farmland. AlRamis, was a massive ancient farm land with its unique echo system of vegetation, birds and soil condition.

The Saudi state has expropriated private land by force and without compensation and plan to use them for FIFA events before and during the World Cup. In the past three years alone, the Saudi government expropriated private properties razed dozens of neighborhoods in Jeddah, NEOM, and Qatif causing nearly ½ million citizens to lose their homes without due process or appropriate compensation. The Saudi government razed entire AlBehari town and razed the 800-year-old historical AlMosawarah District in Awamya.

We hope FIFA officials take this series of reports seriously if they don't want to harm their reputation and face various legal battles and criminal prosecution for supporting the Saudi murders of athletes, severe racism against Blacks, mass murder of democracy activists, oppression of women, brutal religious oppression, war crimes in Yemen, and Saudi government ongoing interference in sports clubs and its operations.

These reports will provide clear evidence that makes the Saudi bid invalid, regardless of what the fraudulent Clifford Chance assessment stated. The British firm is cannot provide any credible Saudi assessment, simply because of Conflict of interests.¹²

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¹ AS&H and Clifford Chance are advising on the first share exchange takeover offer in Saudi Arabia under the new M&A Regulations https://www.ashcliffordchance.com/en/news/press-releases/ASH-and-Clifford-Chance-are-advising-on-the-first-share-exchange-takeover-offer-in-Saudi-Arabia-under-the-new-MA-Regulations.html

The Saudi government and its institutions are clients of Clifford Chance and have paid millions of dollars for under these contracts. This alone provides strong basis for legal action against FIFA and Clifford Chance in Britain and Switzerland.

Clifford Chance's report, written by Saudi regime loyalists, is nothing but a complete sham and should be tossed away. FIFA's best advice is to halt the consideration of the Saudi bid or face unprecedented and devastating legal and commercial consequences.

This included inquiries of corruption and bribes by Swiss and American prosecutors as well as civil lawsuits in the United States and banning FIFA board members from entering the United States for human rights crimes and for promoting racism.

Another consequence is a worldwide popular boycott campaign, which will cost FIFA and its sponsors billions of dollars.

The following is a list of some footballers, athletes and coaches who were killed by Saudi Death Squads, or executed or tortured to death inside Saudi prisons.

The second part is a list of athletes currently on Saudi death row, missing or imprisoned. Almost everyone has been tortured as is customary in Saudi prisons.

² Clifford Chance and AS&H announce Joint Venture in Saudi Arabia to create AS&H Clifford Chance. March 2023 https://www.cliffordchance.com/news/news/2023/03/clifford-chance-and-as-h-announce-joint-venture-in-saudi-arabia-.html

Saudi Government Killed These Athletes

1- **Handball athlete Mujtaba Nader AlSwayket** played for Al-Salaam Club in Awamya, Qatif.³

Mujtaba was killed by the Saudi government on charges of partaking in pro-democracy protests. **Mujtaba** who played as a wing for Al-Salaam Club was arrested on his way to attend university in the United Sates. His court papers obtained by the Gulf Institute showed **Mujtaba** was severely tortured and forced to sign a confession.

Mujtaba was executed in a mass execution on April 23, 2019. Mujtaba told the judge he was tortured and forced to sign a confession, but the judge ignored it. **Mujtaba's** father, Nader, is a former handballer and an active coach and referee trainer.

Mujtaba's body was never returned to his family in violation of Islamic and international laws.⁵ The Saudi Court death sentence does not state his body should be taken from his family.



Mujtaba Nader AlSwayket, tortured and executed in 2019

³ AlSalam Club. Awamya. 2008. Mujtaba Nader AlSwayket Hyperlink. https://nadialsalam.sa/2623/

⁴ ADHRB, 2019. Mujtaba Nader al-Suwayket Executed. Hyperlink.

⁵ Saudi Government Steals Dozens of Activists Bodies. Hyperlink. <u>European Saudi Human Rights Organization</u> 2021. Germany.

2- **Handballer and sport reporter Makki Ali AlOrayed**, tortured to death at Awamya police station on March 2, 2016.⁶

Makki played for Al-Salaam Club in Awamya as a handball goalie.⁷ **Makki** was severely tortured and his body, returned to his family four weeks after his death, exhibited massive wounds and burns. **IGA has photos of Maki's severely tortured body and will share it with FIFA officials. Maki and Mujtaba** were teammates.⁸ Makki was also a sport reporter for Al-Salaam Club, who covered the club's games.⁹



Handballer Makki Ali AlOrayed Tortured by Saudi to Death 2016



Mujtaba and Makki Were Teammates

⁶ European Saudi Human Rights Organization. 2016. Germany.

⁷ Al-Salam Club Youth Handball Team, 2008. Hyperlink: https://nadialsalam.sa/2623/

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Al-Salaam Club, Awamya, 2009. Hyperlink: https://nadialsalam.sa/5351/

3- Bodybuilder Hussain AbdulAziz AlRebh, from Awamya, 2017

Hussain was a bodybuilder who competed in individual tournaments and trained in private gyms.

Hussain was torture to death in Dammam Mabahith prison in November 2019. 10 Hussain was arrested in August 2017 during the pro-democracy protests.

Hussain was buried in Awamya Cemetery under Saudi security restrictions but his body bore signs of severe torture according to one of his friends who asked to remain anonymous for fear of the Saudi government, which punches this action with decades in prisons.



Bodybuilder Hussain AbdulAziz AlRebh Tortured to Death 2017

 $^{^{10}}$ <u>Death in Saudi prisons: Denial of torture and lack of accountability</u>. ESHOR, 2020. Germany. Hyperlink.

4- Gymnast Champion Jafar Hassan Al-Mubaireek from Al-Ibtisam Club in Um AlHamaam city, Qatif. 11 **Jafar** was Saudi gymnastic champion in 2012.

Jafar was shot dead by Saudi government death squads on July 21, 2017 while driving his car. Jafar hails from an athletic family. His brother Makki is a gymnast and a gymnastics coach at Al-Salaam Club in Awamya and coached Saudi national team for a period. 12 Jafar's brothers Ismail and Zaki are athletes and gymnasts. Jafar's body was taken by the Saudi government and never returned to his family for burial.



Saudi Death Squads, 2017, killed gymnastic National Champion, Jafar Al-Mubaireek

¹¹ Al-Ibtisam Club, Um AlHammam, 2012. Hyperlink. <u>Al-Ibtisam Wins Saudi National Championship</u>.

¹² Makki Al-Mubaireek with his son. 2017.

5- Gamer Zuhair Abdullah AlSaeed, played gaming for Al-Salam Club in Awamya¹³, was shot during a protest while he was filming the protest¹⁴ by a Saudi sniper from inside a German Made UR-416 armored vehicle. This vehicle is made by Nazi era Thyssen Henschel, a company that manufactured tanks and other weapons for the Nazis.

Zuhair was a top gamer who rarely lost a game. Zuhair won all his matches at the Eastern Province PlayStation Games in 2007. 15



Saudi Forces killed gamer Zuhair Abdullah AlSaeed

¹³ Al-Salaam Club, 2007. Results of Eastern Province PlayStation Games. Hyperlink. https://nadialsalam.sa/798/
14 Saudi Security Forces kills gamer Zuhair AlSaeed. Hyperlink. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6Qlsyw-ztw
15 Results of PlayStation Games for Eastern Province, 2007 Hyperlink. https://nadialsalam.sa/798/

6- Ali Hussain AlFelfel, Qatif City, a sport advocate who was shot in the heart by Saudi government forces during pro-democracy protests in Qatif on November 21, 2011. 16

Ali was an owner of a popular sporting merchandizing business in Swaykah district in Qatif. A friend of Ali told IGA that he was unable to play football due to his sickle cell anemia so he started a business to encourage sports and football in particular.

Ali was a spokesperson for the protest movement and gave interviews to international media including France24. 17



Ali AlFelfel at his Sport Merchandise Business

¹⁶ Ali's marching with Qatif protesters March , 2011. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzxp_4FuBQo ¹⁷ Ali AlFlefel spoke to France24 Arabic from his sporting merchandize business. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HPpKVVsnz4

7- Akbar Hassan AlShakhouri, Awamya. Akbar was a footballer and track and field runner for Al-Salaam Club.

Akbar was killed by Saudi forces during a mass protest following the arrest of protest leader Sheikh Nimer Al-Nimer. ¹⁸

Akbar's funeral with another protester Mohamed AlFelfel, first cousin of Ali AlFelfellisted above, killed earlier, was attended by thousands because he was a popular sport activist and a newlywed who organized football tournaments.



Akbar Hasan AlShakhouri was killed by Saudi forces during protests 2012

¹⁸ Two die during Saudi Arabia protest at Shia cleric arrest. BBC, 2012. Hyperlink. https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-18768703

8- **Abdulmajeed Hasan Al-Nimer**, Awamya. Abdulmajeed was a football player for Al-Salam Club in the 1990s and stayed involved in sports until his arrest in April 2018.

Abdulmajeed played as a center for Al-Salaam until his retirement. The Saudi government executed **Abdulmajeed** on fake charges of membership of AlQaeda although he was a Shia Arab and AlQaeda has mass murdered thousands of Shia around the world. ¹⁹

Abdulmajeed's brother Ali Hasan AlNimer is a former table tennis player and a current coach. Ali was arrested for two and a half years on charges of hosting Shia religious gathering at his house. ²⁰ **Abdulmajeed's** body was taken by the Saudi government and never returned to his family for burial.



The Saudi Government killed Abdulmajeed Hasan AlNimer in August 2024

 $^{^{19}}$ Executing a Shia for AlQaeda Charges Called A Joke of The Century. AlHurra TV 2024. Hyperlink.

²⁰ <u>Ali Hasan AlNimer Coaches AlSafa Table Tennis</u>. AlYaum Newspaper. Hyperlink.

Athletes at Risk of Death or Missing

1- Cyclist Ali Jafar Al-Mabuk played for Al-Salam Club in Awamya, Qatif.²¹

Ali was arrested 29 January 2018 and sentenced to death November 3, 2022 and remains on death row. **Ali's** older brother Mousa was executed for participating in prodemocracy protests.

Ali is waiting to die any minute.



Cyclist Ali Al-Mabuk is on Saudi Death Row

²¹ Ali Jaffar Al-Mabuke with his teammates. March 2010. Al-Salam Club. Hyperlink. https://nadialsalam.sa/6116/

2- Handballer Mohamed Issa Al-Lubad played for Al-Salaam Club in Awamya, Qatif. 22

Mohamed's player number at Al-Salam Club is 235557. **Mohamed** turned himself in after he was listed as wanted for his role in the pro-democracy protests that started in 2011. **Mohamed** has been sentenced to death for his role in protests and he still on Saudi death row.



Handballer Mohamed Issa Al-Lubad Remains at Risk of Execution

²² Al-Salam Club, 2011. Awamya. Hyperlink <u>https://nadialsalam.sa/2822/</u>

3- **Footballer Zakarya Khaled AlFaraj** played for Al-Salam Club, Awamya. **Zakarya** was arrested January 8, 2018. His fate remains unknown due to severe Saudi restrictions and extreme environment of fear.



Footballer Zakarya Khaled AlFaraj in Saudi Prison Since 2018

4- **Footballer Abdullah Naeem AlMehsen** played for Al-Salam Club. **Abdullah** was arrested by the Saudi State Security Agency in 2018 over the mass pro-democracy protests. **Abdullah's** fate remains unknown due to severe restrictions on information and extreme environment of fear.



Footballer Abdullah Naeem AlMehsen's Fate Remains Unknown in Saudi Prisons

5- **Footballer Hussain Ali Aukar** played for Al-Salam Club²³. **Husain** was a talented player who was arrested by the Saudi State Security Agency May 5, 2018 and remains in prisons without trial. The Saudi oppressive environment of fear has made obtaining information about his case near impossible as of this moment.



Footballer Hussain Ali Aukar Remains in Saudi Prison

²³ Footballer Hussain Ali Aukar 2013. Hyperlink https://nadialsalam.sa/15915/

6- **Footballer Jafar Mohamed AlSalemi** played for Al-Salam Club, Awamya. **Jafar** was arrested in 2017 and remain behind bars after his participation in pro-democracy protests. His fate remains unknown. **Jafar** was also a gamer for Al-Salam Club. ²⁴



Footballer Jafar Mohamed AlSalemi 's Fate is unknown in Saudi Prison

²⁴ Jafar AlSalemi Wins First Place in Eastern Province Football Game. 2009. Hyperlink https://nadialsalam.sa/4897/

7- Veteran Athlete and Couch Hussain Ali Tarmoukh, played for Al-Salaam Club, Awamya.

Hussain organized and coached local football leagues. He also provided commentary on football and handball games, according to a friend living in the United States.

Hussain was also a gamer for Al-Salam Club.²⁵ **Hussain** was arrested in January 1, 2017 at his workplace at Qatif Private School where he worked as a teacher.

Hussain's fate remains unknown due to Saudi state tight secrecy and environment of fear that prevents families of prisoners from sharing information.

The Saudi government arrested **Hussain** for sending a message to an online group about the arrest of protesters.



Veteran Athlete Hussain Tarmoukh has been in Saudi Prison for 7 Years

²⁵ Hussain Tarmoukh Competes in PlayStation Games. AlSalam Club. Hyperlink. https://nadialsalam.sa/2334/