

I am writing to express my grave concern on an activist Raif Badawi who was publicly flogged on January 9 in front of the al-Jafali mosque in Jeddah. He is at risk of receiving the remaining 950 lashes over the coming weeks.

I respectfully express my profound disturbance at the flogging of Raif Badawi, which is a flagrant violation of the prohibition on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading punishment in international law.

I urge the authorities to put a stop to any further flogging of Raif Badawi and release him immediately and unconditionally as he is a prisoner of conscience, detained solely for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

Last but not least, I urge the authorities to ensure that his conviction and sentence are quashed.

Your attention on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,