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### **Saudi Arabia Women's Rights Defenders Should be Released**

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to quash convictions and sentences of **Victor Bet-Tamraz, Shamiram Issavi, Amin Afshar-Naderi, and Hadi Asgari**, as they have been targeted solely for the peaceful exercise of their rights to freedom of religion and belief through their Christian faith.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of the arrest and detainment of **Victor Bet-Tamraz, Shamiram Issavi, Amin Afshar-Naderi, and Hadi Asgari**.

We strongly believe that you and the Public Relations Office have a responsibility to investigate these reports and to ensure the religious freedom of these practitioners. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which Iran is a state party, states that "Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion". We urge you to stop the harassment and investigate the arrest and imprisonment of Christians with regards to the ICCPR.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mahmoud Abbasi, Deputy for Human Rights and International Affairs



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