

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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His Majesty King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud
Office of His Majesty the King, Royal Court,
Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

March 31, 2021

Please Repeal Sentence against Loujain al-Hathloul

Your Majesty,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to quash **Loujain al-Hathloul's** conviction and sentence, lift the travel ban imposed on her and her parents, order an investigation into allegations she was tortured, and ensure her safety and protection from threats and harassment.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International that **Loujain al-Hathloul** and other women human rights defenders have faced a campaign of organized persecution by authorities in Saudi Arabia for their peaceful work. Arbitrary detention and trials, including by the Specialized Criminal Court which is designed to try terrorism-related cases, is disturbingly widespread.

We believe you have an obligation under international law to investigate these cases, quash the unjust convictions/sentences of **Loujain al-Hathloul** and other similar peaceful human rights defenders, ensure that all detainees are not subjected to torture and other ill treatment, and to hold any official who violates the law accountable.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Lane".

Nathan Lane
Executive Director
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mackenzie Francoeur".

Mackenzie Francoeur
Vice President Equity
TRU Students' Union

cc: Mr. Sulaiman Abdulkareem M. Al Aqueel - Chargé d'Affaires