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Journalists in prison as of December 1, 2009

Saudi Arabia: 1

Raafat al-Ghanim, freelance Imprisoned: July 29, 2009

Security agents arrested al-Ghanim, a Syrian blogger living in Saudi Arabia who wrote about social and political issues in both countries, according to the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information.

Before his arrest, al-Ghanim had signed a petition calling for the release of two activists who were arrested after announcing their intention to attend a sit-in protest in solidarity with Palestinians, according to the network. No formal charges had been disclosed by late year, and al-Ghanim's whereabouts were unknown.

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