

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES
UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE CONVENTION**

Concluding observations of the Committee against Torture
(Extracts for follow-up of CAT/C/SAU/CO/2)

SAUDI ARABIA

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C. Principal subjects of concern and recommendations

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Corporal punishment

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11. The State party should immediately put an end to the practices of flogging/lashing, amputation of limbs and any other form of corporal punishment. In addition, the State party should amend its legislation in order to abolish all such forms of corporal punishment as they amount to torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, in violation of the Convention.

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Lashing of Ra'if Badawi

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13. The State party should review the case of Ra'if Badawi as well as the cases of all individuals currently sentenced to lashing and any other form of corporal punishment with a view to, at a minimum, invalidating any aspect of their sentences involving corporal punishment. In addition, the State party should ensure that Mr. Badawi receives prompt medical care and redress, including rehabilitation, as required by article 14 of the Convention. It should also provide updated information on his status to the Committee.

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Reprisals against and harassment, intimidation and arrest of human rights defenders and journalists

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20. The State party should acknowledge the legitimacy of peaceful criticism and advocacy related to violations of the Convention and consider reviewing the cases of the above-mentioned individuals and releasing any individual detained solely for peaceful criticism or human rights advocacy.

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Death penalty

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43. The Committee encourages the State party to establish a moratorium on executions, to commute all existing death sentences, to become a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and, in particular, its Second Optional Protocol aimed at the abolition of the death penalty. The Committee calls upon the State party to provide disaggregated data on the number of individuals currently on death row, the number executed, detailing the offences and whether any minors or mentally disabled have been sentenced to death and/or executed, and the other data requested.

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Follow-up procedure

52. The Committee requests the State party to provide, by 13 May 2017, information on follow-up to the Committee's recommendations on corporal punishment, including in the case of Ra'if Badawi, reprisals against human rights defenders and journalists and the death penalty (see paras. 10, 12, 19 and 42 above). In that context, the State party is invited to inform the Committee about its plans for implementing, within the coming reporting period, some or all of the remaining recommendations in the concluding observations.

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