

URGENT ACTION

KHALED AL-JUNAIDI RELEASED

Khaled al-Junaidi, a southern Yemeni political activist, was released without charge on 27 November. He had been detained since 6 November, possibly as a result of his peaceful political activism.

Khaled al-Junaidi had been arrested on 6 November in the southern Yemeni city of Aden. He was released on 27 November, after spending 21 days at the al-Solban Political Security Prison in Aden. He was allowed only one short visit from a relative and was not allowed to see a lawyer.

The General Prosecutor in Aden had issued an order on 7 November to the head of the Special Security, also known as Central Security, the agency believed to have carried out the arrest, to either press criminal charges against Khaled al-Junaidi, or release him in line with Yemeni law.

Khaled al-Junaidi was held in solitary confinement in a small cell in the basement of al-Solban prison. The cell had no aeration, light or toilet and he suffered from lack of food. On 27 November the head of the prison asked Khaled al-Junaidi's family to take him to hospital after his health deteriorated. He stayed in hospital for two days receiving medical treatment for health problems resulting from the conditions of his detention. He has now returned home to his family.

Khaled al-Junaidi was previously arrested on three separate occasions, twice in 2011 and then again in February 2013, for taking part in protests. He was questioned for his political activism and released without charge within days in 2011 and within a month in February 2013. However during all his previous arrests his family was notified about his whereabouts and allowed to visit him regularly in prison.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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