

**His Royal Highness,  
Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf**

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
To the United Kingdom

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Your Excellency

**SAUDI GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEPORTATION OF MR. NAWAZ SHARIF**

We, the People of Pakistan, deeply resent the Saudi government's involvement in the recent deportation of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Mr. Mian Nawaz Sharif. At the outset, we would like to clarify that we are neither party workers of Mr. Sharif nor are we supporting him. We are ordinary Pakistanis, lawyers, professionals, students, academics and journalists, who condemn the involvement of the Saudi government in violation of the orders of our Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court of Pakistan had unequivocally ruled that Mr. Sharif had a constitutional right to return to his country and, if necessary, face the charges levelled against him. Furthermore, a vast number of the People of Pakistan also desired, and were campaigning, for his return.

By sending Prince Abdullah bin Muqrin to Pakistan to desist Mr. Sharif from coming back, the Saudi government essentially assisted the Pakistani government directly in disregarding and disrespecting the Supreme Court's orders and the Pakistani People.

The People of Pakistan ask you, when the Supreme Court had clearly ruled that Mr. Sharif's pledge to stay in exile for ten years was illegal and irrelevant, under what law did Mr. Muqrin ask Mr. Sharif not to come back? That piece of paper with Mr. Sharif's signature would not be considered a valid agreement even under the Saudi laws. So on what basis, under what law, is the Saudi government detaining Mr. Sharif?

The People of Pakistan are ever conscious that their country was achieved through a political and democratic struggle. Therefore, despite their problems, the People of Pakistan always aspire to be a democracy. They are extremely angry that a military dictator and an autocratic government have conspired to thwart their democratic aspirations and the growth of the rule of law.

Being Muslims, the People of Pakistan have held the Saudi government in the highest of respects. However, they very strongly feel that this respect must not be tested by taking undue advantage of the location of the Holy Sites. The People of Pakistan must be shown respect as a people and as brethren in Islam.

On the basis of the aforementioned, we the People of Pakistan beseech you, we demand of you, that:

1. A formal apology is offered to the People of Pakistan for the insult caused to them and their Supreme Court.
2. Mr. Sharif is allowed to return to Pakistan.
3. Saudi government pledges to show respect to the laws of Pakistan and the will of the People of Pakistan in future.

Faithfully

People of Pakistan