and when he tried to ascertain the reason for the travel ban he was met with person-
medical treatment abroad but found himself unexpectedly prevented from travelling,
ember 2017. On May 5, 2018, Mudaimeegh went to the airport on his way to get
shak, Essa al-Nukhaifi and many other prisoners of conscience. He has spoken
(ACPRA). He defended human rights activist Waleed Abu
members of the Saudi Civil and Political Rights Association
led the defence pro bono in some of the most sensitive
dameegh, a former member of the Saudi Council of Min-
Also arrested at this same time was Dr Ibrahim al-Mu-
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-va. On her return to Saudi Arabia on March 12 she was detained at the airport, then
Press and other Saudi activists were more active but not as popular, even in the face of
within the country, and took on the cases of several
ly absent in practice and entirely in the hands of rights infringers and ordinary laws.
also arrested the same day was Dr Aziza al-Youssef, a
rights activist Waleed Abu al-Khair and journalist Alaa Brinji.
activities and human rights in general.

Also arrested was the well known blogger and activist Eman al-Nafjan, a graduate
She has played an active part in advocating for women's rights and helping victims.
Activist and psychoanalyst Madiha al-Ajroush has also been arrested. Through
previously been hounded by the authorities for supporting women's right to drive.
If they were found 'driving without a licence', they had signed an agree-
ed in the United Arab Emirates.

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At 2:30pm on Tuesday, May 15, a Saudi force raided the
and the other activists were kept under house arrest. Other activists were
arresting and questioning the unauthorised Royal Order allowing
publishing things damaging to the

driving licences, and Loujain had obtained a UAE licence. She was therefore not
ent with the other GCC states to recognise each other's
committing any crime, but the authorities detained her at the border in her car all
found "driving without a licence", they had signed an agree-

The authorities arrested: Dr Ibrahim al-Mudaimeegh, Professor Eman al-Nafjan,
organisations abroad to pressure the regime
prominent rights activist Loujain al-Hathloul, activist Mohammed
in their latest crackdown on human rights activists, the Saudi authorities have ar-
the world not to fall into the trap of believing Saudi propaganda, and to insist
promises that are not kept, so that the world remains silent about the regime's hu-
for battered women and girls who are not accepted back from government social
for women and men. She took part in the 1990 campaign against the ban
for women to be allowed to drive, and has been notably active in defending wom-
while advertising themselves as reformers and liberalisers, the Saudi authorities
are in fact carrying out the worst campaign of repression and intimidation ever

The authorities are said to have arrested at least 118 activists in two recent round-ups, af-
women's rights, workers' rights and civil and political rights. She tried to set up a refuge

also arrested this same day was Dr Aziza al-Youssef, a
pressure that has been applied in order to

ALQST kept this information confidential and refrained from publicising it because
in the same year.

the Saudi authorities undertook to release the detainees within a day or two, and

in her car all evening, and then was placed under arrest. She was released on

They are setting active and legal precedents and they are also putting pressure on

While altering all references, as references and therefore, the Saudi authorities are
in their recent crackdown on human rights activists, the Saudi authorities are

Also arrested was Professor Aziza al-Youssef, leading activist Loujain al-Hathloul, activist Mohammed

As a result of the arrests, all activists and all organisations, in particular the

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she said they were only being held for questioning. However, the authorities are trying

The activists are being held for their human rights activities. For instance, Professor

It is a clear sign of the pressure the Saudi authorities have come under to allow women