



UNITED STATES MISSION  
TO THE  
EUROPEAN UNION

May 16, 2022

Dear Vice President Kaili,

I have the honor of transmitting to you a letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Ms. Yael Lempert, received in our office today. The signed original will follow in the mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Adams-Smith'.

Kelly Adams-Smith  
Chargé d'Affaires

Enclosure: As Stated.

Her Excellency Eva Kaili,  
Vice President,  
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Dear Vice President Kaili:

Thank you for your letter of March 22 regarding the cases of Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz and his father, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman. The United States shares your concerns about the targeting of critics in Saudi Arabia.

The Secretary of State has spoken to Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan on numerous occasions about our human rights concerns. The Department of State has closely monitored the cases of Prince Salman and Prince Abdulaziz, including documenting UN and NGO concerns about their prolonged pre-trial detention in the 2020 Human Rights Report.

The President has committed to prioritizing human rights in our foreign policy, and this includes our relationship with Saudi Arabia. We seek to build a stronger and more sustainable relationship with Riyadh, especially as Saudi Arabia undertakes additional legal and societal reforms. We will continue to raise our concerns about detainee rights in high-level engagements with Saudi officials.

The EU is truly a partner of first resort for the United States, and I greatly appreciate our continued close collaboration to address global challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yael Lempert', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Yael Lempert  
Acting Assistant Secretary for  
Near Eastern Affairs