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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FS update - Al Nimr OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[REDACTED]

Please find below an update for the FS. The crux of this has been taken from a draft of the letter Simon will be sending to Jane (not sure if that will go today or not).

[REDACTED] No one has spoken to [REDACTED] yet, but this is something could consider the FS doing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HMA has requested calls on the [REDACTED] to discuss the case, along with other business. In addition to this, the Chancery Team will continue to co-ordinate our response v [REDACTED] We will also be recommending that Mr Ellwood speaks to [REDACTED] later this week.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: PA: JEREMY CORBYN URGES PM TO PRESS SAUDIS OVER PROTESTER EXECUTION OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]

The latest below on Ali al Nimr. HMA will be speaking to the [REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PA: JEREMY CORBYN URGES PM TO PRESS SAUDIS OVER PROTESTER EXECUTION OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for this. For info, here is the update we put to the FS on Thursday evening on the case:

Saudi Arabia: Ali al Nimr, nephew of prominent Shia cleric Nimr al Nimr, has been sentenced to death [REDACTED]. He was arrested in 2012, aged 17, [REDACTED]. His final appeal has been dismissed [REDACTED]. There is significant UK and international NGO interest in this case, particularly as it involves a minor. HMA will speak to [REDACTED] on Sunday/Monday to raise the case, and will also raise the case with the [REDACTED] after Eid. French President Hollande released a statement on Wednesday evening calling for the Saudi Arabian government to halt the execution.

I'm sure you already have it, but here is our suggested line for media enquiries:

"We understand that Ali Mohammed Al Nimr's legal process has finished and his final appeal has been denied. We will urgently be discussing this case with the Saudi authorities. The abolition of the death penalty is a human rights priority for the UK. The UK opposes the death penalty around the world."

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Saudi Arabia / Ali al Nimr: Public and Parliamentary pressures increases. [REDACTED]. We believe a public expression of our concern at the case coupled with a statement that we have raised our concern at senior levels with the Saudi authorities would be most appropriate public statement. Does the Foreign Secretary agree with this approach? HMA Riyadh plans to call on the [REDACTED]. He may be able to raise the case tomorrow with the [REDACTED]. We recommend the Foreign Secretary privately raises the case with [REDACTED] in the margins [REDACTED] and Mr Ellwood with [REDACTED] (suggested objectives for Foreign Secretary are below). Depending on the outcome, we may recommend a Prime Minister call to [REDACTED]. We are in touch with Officials are liaising with [REDACTED] to determine if there is merit in a coordinated approach to see if we can combine our approach to the case.

Objectives:
Urge that all death penalty cases should meet EU minimum standards, and that the UK remains against the death penalty in all situations.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 September 2015 19:33
To: Jane Marriott (Sensitive); Simon Collis * (Sensitive)
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Jane, the Foreign Secretary is aware of the case thanks to the team's helpful update last week. Grateful for further updates before 1100 tomorrow. Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Jane Marriott (Sensitive)
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Simon Collis * (Sensitive)
Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Simon,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Happy to proceed as you have recommended, including the FS raising the issue with [REDACTED] this week (Team – aim for Ellwood with [REDACTED] and me as fallback). Grateful if you can keep us in the loop on likely timings [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gult Team – please do a short update for the FS, including lobbying plan [REDACTED] and explicitly seek his views on the public / private point and warm him up to a PM [REDACTED] call at very short notice, should it be required.

[REDACTED] - to note that, pending the FS's views, we may at some point request a very short notice [REDACTED] on this case, [REDACTED]

Jane
Jane Marriott
Director Gulf, Arabian Peninsula and North Africa
UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Jane Marriott (Sensitive); Simon Collis * (Sensitive)

[REDACTED]

Subject: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Jane / Simon,

Ditto in HRDD. We note there may be a gap (in time) [REDACTED] – which will produce criticism in some quarters (NGOs, FAC), [REDACTED]. But there is also respect for the consistency of our line that we must focus on what will actually work.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

To: Jane Marriott (Sensitive); Simon Collis * (Sensitive)

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Jane,

We have discussed in Gulf Team and very much agree with HMA's suggested way forward. If you agree, we will tomorrow pursue the idea of the FS speaking to [REDACTED] with Private Office and colleagues [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Simon Collis * (Sensitive)

[REDACTED]

To: Jane Marriott (Sensitive)

[REDACTED]

Subject: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Jane

I attach a letter proposing a handling plan for the Al Nimr case.

I have asked to see [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Head of the Royal Commission for the Promotion of Human Rights. I am unlikely to gain access to any of them until after 4 October as the Saudi government is closed until then for the Eid holiday. Foreign Minister Adel Al Jubeir is in New York.

I have however been asked to see the [REDACTED] on another matter.
Subject to any overnight instructions from you I will raise our concerns with him then, on the lines set out in the letter.

[REDACTED]

Simon

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From: Jane Marriott (Sensitive)

[REDACTED]

Subject: JSI OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]

On the Ali Al Nimr case, the team will revert with a lobbying plan later today.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jane

[REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: PA: JEREMY CORBYN URGES PM TO PRESS SAUDIS OVER PROTESTER EXECUTION

[REDACTED]

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By Richard Wheeler, Press Association Political Staff

[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
[Redacted] Simon Collis * (Sensitive); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]
Here is the suggested statement for the Foreign Secretary, subject to him raising it privately with [Redacted]

"The British Government is very concerned about the case of Ali Mohammed Al Nimr. The British Government has raised this case with the Saudi authorities at a senior level and I have raised the case myself. The abolition of the death penalty is a human rights priority for the UK. The UK opposes the death penalty around the world."

For further background, HMA raised the case with the [Redacted] earlier today.

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Simon Collis * (Sensitive)
Sent: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted] Jane Marriott (Sensitive)
Cc: [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Subject: Re: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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Update: I raised our concerns today with the [Redacted] during a call on other business. I am [Redacted] but no confirmation as yet.

I emphasised that we wanted the [Redacted] to urgently be made aware of our - and wider international - concerns [Redacted]

I also indicated that the FS was likely to raise with [Redacted] (in response to the [Redacted]) that we should raise it with [Redacted]

[Redacted] that got sent to [Redacted] with the Protocol Director was the second bullet in the objectives below for the [Redacted]

[REDACTED]

Simon

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (SENSITIVE) SOBM
[REDACTED] (DGC)
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]

As requested, update on Saudi and al-Nimr case

Saudi Arabia/Ali al Nimr: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We believe a public expression of our concern at the case coupled with a statement that we have raised our concern at senior levels with the Saudi authorities would be most appropriate public statement.

[REDACTED] Does the Foreign Secretary agree with this approach?

In practical terms, HMA Riyadh plans to call on the [REDACTED] recommend that the Foreign Secretary privately raises the case with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Depending on the outcome of these calls, [REDACTED] may be appropriate. We are liaising with US and EU partners to determine if there is merit in a coordinated approach to see if we can combine our approach to the case.

Foreign Secretary discussion with [REDACTED]

- Objectives:**
- Urge that all death penalty cases should meet EU minimum standards, and that the UK remains against the death penalty in all situations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Colleagues,

Because our post-election re-focussing of human rights work has stepped back from listing "priorities", you may care to delete the third sentence of this draft. The statement would have just as much impact without.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] SOSFA Action (Sensitive)
Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Kind regards,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Simon Collis * (Sensitive)

Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] Jane Marriott (Sensitive)

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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Update: I raised our concerns today with [REDACTED] during a call on other business [REDACTED] but no confirmation as yet.

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I also indicated that the FS was likely to raise with [REDACTED] (in response to [REDACTED])

[REDACTED]

Simon

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] Jane Marriott (Sensitive); Simon Collis * (Sensitive)

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

As requested, update on Saudi and al-Nimr case

Saudi Arabia/Ali al Nimr: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Although he was 17 at the time of his conviction, under shariah law he faced trial as an adult having passed puberty. Al Nimr has now exhausted all legal angles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We believe a public expression of our concern at the case coupled with a statement that we have raised our concern at senior levels with the Saudi authorities would be most appropriate public statement. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Does the Foreign Secretary agree with this approach?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED], Simon Gass (Sensitive); Neil Crompton * (Sensitive); Jane Marriott (Sensitive)
Subject: FS Update: Saudi Arabia: Three High Profile Human Rights Cases: Ali Al Nimr, Raif Badawi and Dawoud al-Marhoun OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]

Please find below an update for the Foreign Secretary on specific human rights cases in Saudi Arabia based upon Simon's email. Neil Bush has cleared this.

START

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HMA explained the significant political and media pressure in the UK.

END

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Simon Collis * (Sensitive)
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Simon Gass (Sensitive); [REDACTED]
Subject: Saudi Arabia: Three High Profile Human Rights Cases: Ali Al Nimr, Raif Badawi and Dawoud al-Marhoun OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[REDACTED]

I discussed these three cases with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ened with an update on the first two, following up his conversation with the FS [REDACTED] last week.

On Ali Al Nimr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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Ok then?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Simon Collis * (Sensitive)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Simon,

As per your recommendation in your letter to Jane, the FS has agreed to release a statement after he speaks to [REDACTED]

I would be grateful for your views in the next **30 mins** on the following statement:

"The British Government is very concerned about the case of Ali Mohammed Al Nimr. The British Government has raised this case with the Saudi authorities at a senior level and I have raised the case myself. The abolition of the death penalty is a human rights priority for the UK. The UK opposes the death penalty around the world."

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SAUDI ARABIA: AL NIMR CASE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] Jane Marriott (Sensitive); Simon Collis * (Sensitive)
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Simon Gass (Sensitive); Neil Crompton * (Sensitive); [REDACTED]