

'It's not just Loujain'



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10 studies in courage - the women human rights defenders behind bars in Saudi Arabia

As the world awaits Loujain al-Hathloul's release this week (expected Thursday 11 February), it is important to remember two crucial points.

First – she will not be free in any meaningful sense. She remains under probation, under a travel ban and unable to express herself freely.

Second – she is not alone. Loujain al-Hathloul is rightly feted for her fearless campaigning for women's rights. This briefing seeks to shine a spotlight on the women who partner Loujain in the campaign for human rights in Saudi Arabia. Some are better known than others, but none enjoy the profile of Loujain in the international community.

This briefing seeks to address that issue with a very clear purpose. If Loujain is released as expected the Saudi authorities and their expensive PR teams will tell the world that the matter is closed. But nothing could be further from the truth. This report details 10 profiles in courage in three categories:

The Victims of the 2018 crackdown on women's rights activists

Of those arrested alongside Loujain al-Hathloul, 4 remain in prison:

The Women at the forefront of the fight for Shia rights

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