

Your excellency, the Prime Minister of Canada,

My name is Nathalie Morin and since March 2005 I am held hostage with my three children in Saudi Arabia. I haven't been able to write previously, because since 2008 I have not been able to access a computer or Internet, so I am taking this opportunity to write to you.

Saeed Al Shahrani, who has political trouble with the Saudi Minister of the Interior, Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, is keeping us in Saudi Arabia in order to obtain the liberty to travel anywhere in the world and for personal advantages. The Saudi government does not want to lose sight of Saeed Al Shahrani and the best way for them to do so is to keep Saeed's children on Saudi territory. In fact, in 2003, the Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud gave my son Samir his Saudi nationality before he had proof that Saeed Al Shahrani was the father and he gave me a spouse's visa before I was married with Saeed. This because the Saudi prince had received important political blackmailing by Saeed Al Shahrani.

Since arriving in Saudi Arabia in March 2005, I have always wanted to return to Canada with my children. I gave birth to two more children in Saudi territory, because I was repeatedly raped and was never permitted to use contraception.

My children and I, we are victims of physical and psychological abuse since 2005. My children and I, we are also since 2005, locked in an unhealthy apartment, with little furniture, no outdoor space and without a key for the front door. My children and I, we are malnourished since 2005. My son Samir suffers from insomnia, anxiety and has delayed speech development for an 8 year-old boy. My son Abdullah suffers from chronic asthma because of harsh anxiety for a 4 year-old boy.

My story is much too long to tell in a simple letter and I believe that you may be too busy to read my letter anyway... I am scared for the mental and physical health of myself and my three children.

The only person in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia who has the power to resolve my case is the Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. I am asking the government of Canada to undertake a serious diplomatic discussion with the Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, so that my three children and I may return to Canada. The Saudi Human Rights Commission has no decisional power and tells me this directly. On September 18th 2010, I was in the office of the director of the women's section in Dammam, Ms. Souad Al Bassam, and she told me frankly that the "Human Rights Commission" couldn't do anything for me, because there were political issues behind Saeed Al Shahrani.

Sincerely,

Nathalie Morin