

An Roinn Gnóthai Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

2nd March, 2015

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2015/018
Dan MacGuill

Dear Mr MacGuill,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

"All correspondence, during the period November 1, 2005 to November 2, 2011, between the DFA - including the Irish embassy in Saudi Arabia - and the family, lawyers and supporters of Abdullah Abu Bakir Hassan, re: the arrest, detention, trial and treatment of Abdullah Abu Bakir Hassan - a resident of Ireland with Irish citizen children - in Saudi Arabia."

I refer also to the acknowledgement letter dated 13th February naming myself as the deciding officer on your request.

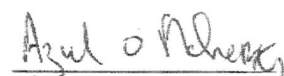
I am refusing the release any records at this time as I consider all of the records held by this Department on Mr Hassan and his family to be personal information, exempt from release under Section 37 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfat.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfat.ie, or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely


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