

## YEMEN

### Baha'is

#### **Hamed Kamal Muhammad bin HAYDARA**

**Date of birth:** 1964

**Date and place of arrest:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013

**Charges:** Entering Yemen illegally in 1991 from Iran to establish a Baha'i homeland in collaboration with Israel, apostasy, and undermining the Yemeni state

**Article of criminal/ civil/ administrative code:** Yemeni Criminal Code Article 125 (Violating the independence, unity or territorial integrity of the Republic shall be punished by death), Article 128 (Working in the interests of a foreign state, provision or exchanging of information with a foreign government is punishable by death.), Article 195 (Ridicule, contempt or claiming inferiority of the Islamic religion is punishable by imprisonment of five years or a fine.), and Article 259 (Anyone who turns back from or denounces the religion of Islam is punished by the death penalty after being questioned for repentance three times and after giving him a respite of thirty days; apostasy in public by speech or acts is considered contradictory to the principles of Islam).

**First court decision:** There were thirteen unrecorded hearings, only three of which the defendant has been allowed to attend.

**Last court decision:** As of September 2016, Haydara was still being detained without a conclusive trial.

**Other information:** He is suspected of being a foreign agent working to undermine the state, hence the use of three charges that stipulate the death penalty. He was born in Yemen in 1964.

*Sources:* <https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/04/01/yemen-bahai-adherent-faces-death-penalty> ,  
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#### **Kaiwan Mohamed Ali QADARI**

**Age:** 43 years

**Date and place of arrest:** On 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**Charges:** Unknown

**Article of criminal/civil/administrative code:** Unknown

**Last court decision:** Unknown

**Other information:** He was arrested alongside Nadir and Nadim Tawfiq Al-Sakkaf, who were released on 27th November of this year. The three Bahá'í leaders were detained following a mass

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arrest of sixty Bahá'ís and non-Bahá'ís across the country at a nine-day event of moral and educational youth programmes in Jud Organization building in Sana'a. At least seven other unnamed Baha'is were also imprisoned on August 10<sup>th</sup> and were released in September.

*Source:*

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