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# William Sampson

William Sampson is in the process of writing his memoirs.

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Wrongly accused of a crime in Saudi Arabia in 2000, **William Sampson** was placed in solitary confinement and tortured while waiting to be publicly executed. He was freed at last after more than two and a half years in a Saudi prison. Sampson maintains his innocence and states he was forced to confess to a crime he didn't commit and was wrongly imprisoned.

More recent press reports are now shedding new light on his ordeal. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the New York Times released their behind the scenes story. Citing senior American and British officials, all who spoke on condition of anonymity, the Times reported the arrangement called for Saudi officials to release five Britons and two others convicted of guerrilla attacks in Saudi Arabia. This arrangement or prisoner-swap was with Saudi prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay. Sampson has accused western governments indulging in this accepted form of diplomatic exchange of "immoral and criminal behaviour".

Born in Nova Scotia, Sampson completed a Bachelor of Science at London University, and a PhD in biochemistry and an MBA at Edinburgh University. Following a career encompassing biomedical research and marketing management, in 1998, Sampson went to Saudi Arabia to work as a business development consultant in pharmaceuticals and fine-chemicals with the Saudi Industrial Development Fund.