

Saudi Women Seek Right To Drive

On 26 October, thousands of Saudi women plan to get behind the wheel of a car in protest of an unofficial ban against female drivers. Currently Saudi women are unable to obtain a legal driver's license in Saudi Arabia. In the past, Saudi females who have tried to drive without a license have been fined or sent to court. When news of the demonstration broke out, a Saudi cleric told a news agency that driving could damage females' ovaries and pelvises. He warned women not to participate in the demonstration. Activists say his comments have helped increase interest in the demonstration. Many Saudi women hope that gaining the right to drive will lead to other rights that they are currently denied, such as opening a bank account without a male guardian. A similar campaign to achieve the right to drive was launched in Saudi Arabia twenty years ago. Many women lost their jobs because of it.

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Vocabulary

fine - to charge money as punishment for breaking the law
demonstration - an organized protest
cleric - a religious leader
guardian - a person who is in charge of defending and protecting someone

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