

## ***Centre for Applied Human Rights***

# **POETS AS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST: THE ROLE, THE EFFECT, AND THE CONSEQUENCES**

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