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The Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP
Minister of State for the Middle East at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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Dear Minister,

I would like to bring to your attention the case of Mr Hassan Mushaima, through his son's hunger strike in front of the Bahraini Embassy in London.

Ali Mushaima began a hunger strike on 1 August, which after five weeks resulted in the loss of 13kg. His demands concern his imprisoned 70-year old father in Bahrain, who is in great need of medical assistant as well as other basic human rights, such as a family visitations and access to books.

In fact, Mr Hassan Mushaima suffers from "serious chronic illnesses, including high blood pressure, diabetes, gout and a urinary tract infection. He in remission from lymphoma. He needs to take many different pills a day to help with these conditions: without them he could die"¹, according to his son.

Even though Ali Mushaima was able to get his father two-months of medicine and a scan on the 27 August, it is only a temporary solution.

I therefore urge you to get a written commitment statement from the Bahraini government that Mr Hassan Mushaima will receive proper continuous medical treatment, as well as enable him to get family visits and books, in accordance with the basic human rights any person is entitled to.

*Best regards,
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¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/aug/03/torture-bahrain-killing-my-father-hassan-mushaima-arms-sales-repression>

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