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European Union Special Representative for Human Rights
Stavros Lambrinidis

Brussels, 25 April 2018

Dear Stavros,

Recent developments brought to light by several NGOs show that Human Rights activists and family member of activists continue to be harassed and unlawfully imprisoned by Bahraini authorities.

One of the most prominent example is that of Sayed Ahmed Alwadaei, who now lives in the United Kingdom. Four members of his family were sentenced to prison in the last year, during flawed trials with little or no proof, often obtained under torture. M. Alwadaei is convinced that the only reason this happened was because they are connected to him.

Recently, Hussein Al-Singace was released after spending 7 years in prison, on charges of blocking the road at a protest, preventing policemen for doing their jobs and illegal gathering. His arrest took place one week after his father's arrest, Abdjalil Singace. This Human Rights activist has been imprisoned for 7 years, serving a life sentence on nine charges. Dr. Singace has numerous health problems which are not taken into account and are worsened by mistreatment in prison.

I have also already written to the HP/VP Federica Mogherini about Nabeel Rajab, the most recent letter on that subject having been sent on 1 February 2018. His condition is not getting better, and according to his son, he is locked in his cell 23 hours a day and sometimes does not have access to water for 24 hours.

Unfortunately, these cases are only some examples amongst others. The Human Rights situation in Bahrain is extremely delicate, and now Bahrain is barring EU Human Rights NGOs' access to the country, as well as UN Representatives'.

I therefore urge you and the EEAS once again to take a firm stance regarding Bahrain's Human Rights situation, by voicing and denouncing the country's mistreatment of prisoners and their

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lack of access to a fair trial; as well as the country's lack of will to cooperate with NGOs and the international community regarding Human Rights.

Best regards
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