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Federica Mogherini

High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

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Dear Federica,

I would like to bring to your attention the case of Habib Ali Mubarak, a Bahraini citizen who was sentenced to 15 years in prison on a charge of arson.

Mr. Mubarak's house was raided without warrant in October 2014 and having been absent, he was told he needed to surrender himself to the Criminal Investigations Directorate in order to be questioned on a small issue, which he did two days later.

However, he was arrested, disappeared and was tortured for five days. One year later, on 19 November 2015, he was sentenced to 15 years in prison on a charge of arson in connection to a fire in Jad Hafes, despite him being able to provide evidence that he was elsewhere during the fire. Now, his wife, a human rights activist, is afraid that he might face further charges of terrorism.

In light of these facts, I would like to know if the EEAS and/or the EU Delegation to Bahrain has been following this case. If so, I urge you to put pressure on local authorities to guarantee a free and impartial trial, as well as to accept the evidence that Mr. Mubarak has been trying to put forward.

Best regards,

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