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Democratic Progressive Tribune Society



جمعية الإخاء الوطني
Al-Ekha National Society



جمعية العمل الوطني الديمقراطي
National Democratic Action Society

جمعية الوفاق الوطني الإسلامية
Al-Wefaq National Islamic Society



Monday, December 29, 2014

The Honorable Ban-Ki Moon
Secretary General of the United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We take this opportunity of holiday season to wish you happy Christmas and successful New Year with peace and joy. We also would like to bring your attention to recent deterioration in Bahrain where the GoB decided to prosecute the National Prodocracy leader, Sh. Ali Salman, the Secretary General of Al Wefaq Society that represents the largest political majority in Bahrain.

Sh. Salman is well known for his democratic vision, moderate, nonviolent and reformist not just in Bahrain but regionally and internationally. Such continuous harassment and intimidation will only complicate the political situation, deepen the polarisation, split in the country and result in prolonged unrest.

We consider the targeting and prosecuting of Sh. Ali Salman is targeting the whole political workspace to demolish it and strengthen the authoritarian rule with no room for freedom of expression and assembly, which must be rejected by the international community as it violates Bahrain commitment to international obligations and the international law for Human Rights.

The Prodocracy National power, undersigned, demand an urgent unequivocal firm position from all international community to reject the prosecution of Sh. Ali Salman and calling for his immediate release and dropping of all charges against him. We also demand the call on the government to stop the intimidation and harassments to the Political and HRs organisations, leaders and activists.

We understand and appreciate your work, public and private, but with no public statement from you and other international community, or a soft one such as "provide him with fair trial", will be strengthening the government position to prosecute and sentence Sh. Ali and other leaders.

We reiterate and share with you that the only way forward to end the unrest in Bahrain is through a credible dialogue result to real reform that addresses the key political, constitutional, and socioeconomic problems.

Sincerely,

Al-Wefaq National Islamic Society
National Democratic Action Society
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Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the letter from Bahrain Opposition for the High Commissioner on the arrest of Sh. Ali Salman. Original is being forwarded by mail.

Best regards,

Peter



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