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Case of 'Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja – Opposition activist on hunger strike

Your Excellency

I am writing you out of deep concern about **'Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja** who went on hunger strike on 25 August. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (UNWGAD) considered **'Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja's** detention to be arbitrary and in contravention of Articles 19, 20 and 21 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantee the peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly. He told his family that he was losing weight rapidly, his blood sugar levels and his blood pressure had dropped, and that he had started drinking water with added salts and glucose to gain energy.

I am calling on you to release **'Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja** immediately and unconditionally and to order an impartial investigation into his allegations of torture and other ill-treatment. Please publish the results and bring those responsible to justice.

Yours respectfully

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