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Your Excellency:

The Bahrain Youth Society for Human Rights would like to inform you of the state of human rights in Bahrain in the last period, where the Bahraini National Security Apparatus (NSA) committed serious violations of human rights.

The NSA arrested several human rights defenders, political activists and cleric men since 13 August 2010, and the Public Prosecution accused them with more than 13 charges within the Bahraini Anti-Terrorism Law ^[1] ^[2].

The BYSHR emphasizes that the defendants in the case of the "network organization" and where several human rights defenders, political activists and cleric man were charged in have been subjected to brutal torture and inhumane treatment. The lawyers have confirmed that the defendants were deprived from their fundamental rights, and up to this moment the NSA did not allow declaring their whereabouts or permit their families to visit them ^[3].

The Relatives of the detainees emphasizes that the defendants in the case of the "network organization" and where several human rights defenders, political activists and cleric man were charged in have been subjected to brutal torture and inhumane treatment. The lawyers have confirmed that the defendants were deprived from their fundamental rights, and up to this

¹ Refer to the BYSHR report <http://byshr.org/?p=186>

² Refer to the OBS <http://www.fidh.org/Arbitrary-arrest-and-detention-of-Messrs>

³ Refer to the BCHR report <http://bahrainrights.no-ip.info/en/node/3273>

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moment the NSA did not allow declaring their whereabouts or permit their families to visit them.

Information indicates that the National Security Apparatus (NSA) has been practicing torture and ill-treatment against the detainees, and the NSA had attempted to extract forced confessions. The detainees confirmed to the Public Prosecution that they have been subjected to torture, insult and abuse during their presence at the NSA.

The detainees have been subjected to:

- Cuffing and blindfolding for long periods of time.
- Forbidding food and drinks for long periods of time.
- Beating on all parts of the body.
- Hanging for long periods.
- Preventing sleep.
- Standing continuously for long periods of time.
- Beating on the ears in a continuous manner.
- Forcing them to listen to the voices of other detainees being tortured.

The methods varied from one person to the other, and this added to the mental and physical pressure that the detainees are facing, and some were transmitted to hospital for treatment.

This letter of ours is to inform you that the defenders of human rights in Bahrain are in critical danger, and that the defendants are suffering from abuse and brutal torture in order to extract forced confessions from them.

Your role lies in protecting the principles of human rights which your country contributed in promoting around the world, and in your effective contribution in promoting international standards of human rights adds to protecting the victims and human rights defenders and promoting their role in the community.

We appreciate your urgent attention to this matter, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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