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Qualifications and Studies:

Name of Institute	Enrollment	Degree	Date Graduated
University of Bahrain	January 2005	Bachelor of Arts – Major: English Literature. Minor: American Studies	June 2009
AlHoora Secondary Commercial School for Girls	August 2001	High School Diploma	June 2004

Work Experience:

Institute	Title	Start Date	End Date	Job Responsibilities
Gulf Center for Human Rights	Deputy Director	September '11	Current	Serving as deputy to the director, helping to form overall strategy of the center, delegating work, writing statements, editing.
Bahrain Center for Human Rights	Acting President	May '11	Current	Overseeing all activities in the Center, delegating work, organizing the input and output of the organization, maintaining international relations.
Gulf Center for Human Rights	Head of International Office	February '11	Current	Overall objective To mobilize the international efforts for developing and putting into action advocacy strategies to the purpose of providing support and protection to human rights defenders who are at risk in the

				<p>Gulf countries. This should include independent journalists and bloggers.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input for the GHRC advocacy strategy • Initiate, develop and sustain long-term effective relationships with relevant official institutions, as well as NGO's in the Nordic countries and the EU, US, Canada, Australia, other countries as required. • Engage with relevant UN bodies • Mobilizing the international human rights mechanisms whenever appropriate • Coordinate bringing up specific cases of human rights defenders and cases of freedom of speech to the relevant international institutions. <p>Outputs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identification and mapping of the most relevant international partners 2. Recommendations with regards to interaction with international Human Rights partners 3. Interviews and external communication on Human rights violations and GHRCs activities
Bahrain Center for Human Rights	Head of Foreign Relations	Aug. '10	Current	<p>Reporting to international bodies such as the EU and UN. Working with NGO's like Human Rights Watch, Amnesty, IFEX, FIDH, etc. Writing reports, statements, documenting cases and participating in seminars. Networking. Participating in the Human Rights Council in the United Nations in Geneva</p>

				Meeting with the EU bodies in Brussels and congress members in the US as well as the administration. I often get invited to speak at renowned universities about the human rights situation in Bahrain.
The New York Times, Canadian Television Broadcast, Le Figaro Newspaper, The Los Angeles Times, German Newspaper and the BBC	Translator	Jan. '07	Sept. '10	Instant English- Arabic translation of questions and answers during interviews.
Brown University, Providence, RI, USA	Arabic Language Assistant (Fulbright Scholarship)	January '10	June '10	Assisting in the Arabic language classes, tutoring, serving as a cultural ambassador
University of Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA	Arabic Professor (Fulbright Scholarship)	Aug. '09	Dec '09	Creating and designing lessons, teaching intermediate and advanced Arabic at the university, tutoring students, assistant teacher for beginners Arabic, helping in the language lab.
Abdulrahman Kanoo International School	Student Conference Leader	Aug. '08	June '09	Conducting workshops for the students in preparation for programs like Model United Nations, TradeQuest and Youth Leadership Council. Supervising trips abroad for conferences. Training, supervising students and facilitating two leadership conferences.
Abdulrahman Kanoo International School	Full-time English Teacher	Nov. '07	June '08	Teaching Grades 6 and 7 English. Coming up with coursework plans for the next year.
Lost Paradise of Dilmun Waterpark, Al Areen	HR and Training Coordinator	July '07	Nov. '07	Put together the rights and responsibilities of employees booklet. Selected candidates for job interviews. Came up

				with ideas for employee trainings.
International Media Support	Media Monitor During Bahraini Elections	15 th Nov.	1 st Dec. '06	Checking all newspapers for any articles about the candidates running, recording the amount of space given per candidate to then find the newspaper that was the most neutral by the end of the elections.
N/A	English, Math, Science and Arabic Private Tutor	April '06	June '07	Tutored several grade 3/4/5 students in different subjects
Abdulrahman Kanoo International School	Grade 1 English Teacher	Sept. '04	Feb. '05	Teaching Grade 1 English.
Bahrain Society for Training and Development	Secretary	Sept. '04	Oct. '04	Answering calls, filling out forms, taking meeting minutes and filing papers.

History of Activism:

Location	Date Started	End Date	Description
Bahrain	2002	Ongoing	Active member of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights. Attended and organized numerous demonstrations and sit-ins demanding basic rights, as well as to demand the release of political prisoners and the stopping of torture. Attended talks and symposiums. Attended testimonies of victims of police brutality in Bahrain, as well as helped gather information and create videos to spread information. Translating statements and reports about detainees, illegal kidnappings and torture.
Brown University, USA	Jan. '10	May '10	Active member of the Brown Students for Justice in Palestine. Created awareness about the human rights abuses in the Palestinian territories and helped collect signatures about the divestment campaign calling for the divestment from any companies that profit from the illegal (according to the UN) occupation of Palestinian territories. I also led a campaign to raise awareness about the human rights abuses in Bahrain and the religious discrimination taking place. We collected around 500 signatures and raised funds to help families of

			political detainees.
University of Scranton, USA	Aug. '09	Dec. '09	Joined the Justice Club, in which I gave a speech about Bahrain to raise awareness about the absence of human rights as well as the religious discrimination taking place there.
United States Congress, USA	Oct. '08	N/A	I was invited by the Human Rights Caucus at US congress to give a speech about my experience in relevance to the absence of religious freedom in Bahrain. The government led a smear campaign in the media against the group of activists that spoke at this session including myself, and our case was adopted by organizations such as Frontline, OMCT and FIDH.
United Nations, New York, USA	July '06	N/A	I was part of the delegation that went to the UN building and met with the Secretary General's assistant to hand over the mass petition of demanding that the Prime Minister resign, due to his human rights violations.

Skills:

Language	Spoken	Reading	Writing
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Arabic	Excellent	Very Good	Very Good
Danish	Good	Good	Good

Other skills:

Typing (English and Arabic).

Computer Programs (Microsoft Office, ULead VideoStudio).