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**Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja**

Your Highness,

Human rights defender *Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja* took part in peaceful pro-democracy demonstrations in Bahrain in 2011 and was subsequently sentenced to life imprisonment. The Bahraini-Danish dual national has so far spent more than twelve years in arbitrary detention and has been subjected to physical, sexualized and psychological torture. His health has deteriorated significantly as a result of the torture and long imprisonment.

In 2023, the prison authorities continuously denied *Abdulhadi al-Khawaja* adequate medical treatment by arbitrarily canceling his hospital appointments or making him wait for hours handcuffed in a windowless, unventilated vehicle without air conditioning.

Given that *Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja* is a prisoner of conscience targeted solely for the peaceful exercise of his human rights, I call upon your Highness to ensure that he is immediately and unconditionally released. Until then, he must receive adequate medical treatment.

Yours sincerely,