

Attention: Ambassador/Consular Representative [Name where available]  
Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain  
[City/Country]

(Today's Date)

Dear Sir / Madam, [Your Excellency - if addressing the Ambassador]

I am writing to express my grave concern about the systematic torture and imprisonment of political, religious and human rights activists and bloggers who appear to have been arrested for peacefully expressing their views and exercising their right to free expression. I am particularly alarmed by the detention and torture of Dr. Abdul-Jalil Al-Singace, Sheikh Mohammed Habib Al-Muqdad, Sheikh Saeed Al-Nori, Abdul-Ghani Khanjjar, Dr. Mohammed Saeed and Ali Abdulemam.

These detainees have reportedly been handcuffed, blindfolded, held in solitary cells, denied food and water for long periods, hung by their hands, their legs tied and their bodies beaten until swollen and bruised, deprived of sleep, and forced to listen to the screams of others being tortured.

According to news reports, at least 200 other people have been detained, most of whom are being held incommunicado and denied contact with lawyers and family members.

By detaining and torturing those working to expose human rights violations in the country, the Kingdom of Bahrain is brutally silencing voices of dissent and preventing legitimate activities related to democratic reform.

I respectfully urge you to do everything in your power to help ensure:

- the immediate release of all the detainees, especially human rights activists who have been arrested for practicing their fundamental rights to free expression and peaceful assembly;
- an immediate end to the systematic torture by the National Security Apparatus, the dissolution of this Apparatus, and redressing of the victims of its violations;
- access to the detainees by international observers, whom I will be requesting visit Bahrain;
- the detainees are permitted to contact and meet their families and lawyers, and access appropriate health care;
- the end of the implementation of the Anti-Terrorist Law that allows arbitrary arrests and unjust trials.

I am very interested to hear what your Embassy is doing to address this distressing situation. I look forward to hearing your response as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

(Your signature)

(Your name printed)

(Your title – if necessary)

(Your contact information – mailing address/email)