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Shaikh Hamad bin 'Issa Al Khalifa
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Ebtisam al-Saegh Deserves Fair Treatment Not Torture

Your Majesty,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to release the Bahraini human rights activist **Ebtisam al-Saegh** immediately and unconditionally, that you ensure she is not tortured or ill-treated, and that she is provided with regular access to her lawyer, family, and any medical attention she may require.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of officials with Bahrain's *National Security Agency* and *Criminal Investigation Directorate* interfering with **Ebtisam al-Saegh's** human rights work. We are also concerned with the conditions of her imprisonment at Issa Town detention centre for women including allegations of torture and sexual assault.

We strongly believe that you and your government have a responsibility under international law to investigate these reports, including the *Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* and the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 9* – the freedom from arbitrary arrest, detention, or exile. If your investigation finds these reports to be true, then we would urge you to hold any responsible person or official accountable for their illegal and immoral actions against **Ebtisam al-Saegh**.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Minister Shaikh Rashid bin 'Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa,
Ambassador Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa