



**Speech of the International Council Supporting
Fair Trial and Human Rights (ICSFT)
at the Side Event within the activities of the (UPR13) on May 21, 2012
To review the situation of Human Rights in Bahrain**

Believing in the right of peoples to live in freedom and dignity, and committing to human rights concepts and principles of democracy, social justice, equity and sensing responsibility to the Bahraini people's half, the International Council Supporting Fair Trial And Human Rights (ICSFT) with the participation of a large number of political Bahraini forces, Gulf and political figures, social, Arab and Int. figures showed the just demands of this brotherly people in many conferences and meetings at Arabian and international levels; the General Conference to support the people of Bahrain in Baghdad on April 2, 2011, addressing the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights : Ms. Navi Pillay on July 18, 2011, The ICSFT has also raised the Bahraini people's demands through regular periodic meetings of the Human Rights Council: No. 18 dated September 18, 2011 and No. 19 on March 15, 2011.

The Council has in July 20, 2011 participated with 14 Judicial Organizations and 9 International lawyers to bring the case: OTP-CR-202/11 to the International Criminal Court against the ruling military and those who have committed heinous crimes against children, women and medical personnel and political figures, and the Council followed up diligently, effectively and down to bring the perpetrators to justice.

While we were waiting for the improvement of human rights conditions in Bahrain after the issuance of the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Commission (Dr. Bassiouni) in November 2011 - which indicated in its report to the gross violations of human rights, including the systematic torture and arbitrary arrest and excessive use of force backed by gas toxic shots and sound bullets at night to create an atmosphere of terror and fear in order to disperse peaceful demonstrators, gaze on the sexual assault and threats of rape, beatings and the use of electric shocks to extract confessions and the demolition of houses of worship which constitute crimes against humanity (Genocide) and collective punishment. Despite the fact that this committee has recommended some changes and modest reforms - which the King of Bahrain promised to be implemented -



only what has been done so far is nothing more than mere surface reforms being implemented slowly, provocative, and do not amount to the aspirations of the Bahraini People and the Regime is wrapping around it and blowing it up through holding of false meetings promoted by corrupt media.

It is no secret that the Regime is continuing the detention of national symbols and defenders of human rights; Mr. Nabeel Rajab- the International Bahraini Human Rights Defender-who was planned to share with us in this event was arrested upon his arrival Manama Airport ten days ago and was charged with malicious acquisitions and the delay in his trial is intended to prolong his detention for the longest possible period and his removal from the scene to stop the activity that exposes the symbols of the Regime, and also the inhumane situation of the hunger striker Mr. Abdul Hadi al-Khawaja, who have reached the day number 102 of his hunger strike that began on 8 February. He vowed to continue his strike until death or freedom. His health has seriously deteriorated to the extent that threatens his life while the Bahraini Regime is still silent despite calls from Denmark for release and treatment.

On the global scale; international angry voices & anti-moral failure of the Government of the United States and its allies has increased for their continued support to the Al-Khalifa dictatorship Regime. Source of world concern in particular; is the justification of the mysterious occupation of Saudi Arabia to Bahrain and the resumption of arms sales to Bahrain by the United States, despite the fact that the U.S. State Department alleges; the arms shipment will help the Kingdom of Bahrain to maintain its defense capabilities, but human rights activists condemned the move saying it was outside the framework of the commitment of the United States and its commitments to reform in Bahrain.

Despite promises of reform the Government has increased the level of excessive use of force. The security forces currently use a strategy of implementing tear gas as a weapon against ; men, women and children and the elderly alike, not only to impose security on the street, but these forces also keep track of the demonstrators and chase and shot them throwing tear gas bombs inside civilian homes. Amnesty International and other sources reported that the death toll has reached 88 people so far and this number continues to increase since the protests began in February 2011, the number of laid-off and fired from their jobs is more



than 5,500 people. Intractable ill activists are suffering in silence and bitterness. In spite of that; people insist on their peaceful mobility despite the continuity of the crimes of genocide against Indigenous people via bringing new residents - at a time in which the perpetrators of the crimes above enjoy freedom of movement without accountability.

All have heard recently about the Saudi blatant interference in affairs of Bahrain on pretext of attempting to form a union between them - which we had already warned against it since March 2011 - where the Saudi Regime plans to settle the occupation and consolidate his conquest of Bahrain, which will bring Bahrain back to square one when it was struggling to gain independence from Britain and disposal of the British occupation in the year 1971, at the same time Iran was demanding the annexation of Bahrain as a Governorate No. 14 alleging that the Bahraini People are its nationals , then the Bahraini people rose up rejecting it and insisting on living in freedom and dignity in an independent Arab state with sovereignty and has chosen the Al-Khalifa rulers and that was under the auspices of the United Nations.

Based on the foregoing, the International Council of fair trial and human rights (ICSFT) appeals to the conscience of mankind, the International Organizations, the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the world and lovers of peace, justice and human rights and addresses an urgent appeal to the 47 Member States of Human Rights Council meeting within the working group (UPR-13) during the period (May 21-June 4, 2012) to review the human rights situation in Bahrain, and others.

The (ICSFT) Council hopes of the participants in this forum and this resort; pursuant to the provisions and articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and others - to do their best to put pressure on representatives of the Bahraini government and finally to put an end to the stiffness and the intransigence of the Bahraini authorities, during the review of the human rights situation deteriorating in Bahrain to show and spot the following points and urgent issues:

- 1. Save the life of the Hunger Striker Mr.: Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja who is on hunger strike since 94 days and now facing death at any moment.**
- 2. Immediate release of the Int. Human Rights Defender Mr. Nabeel Rajab.**



- 3. Use your influence to immediately intervene for the release of all detainees, political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and the abolition of the convictions against them.**
- 4. Rejection of the constitutional amendments made by the Authority recently Bahrain, which have no meaning and do not address the core problem, as it does not meet the seven principles of reform, who announced the Crown Prince in the last year and also do not meet the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Commission (BICI) of Dr. Basiouni.**
- 5. Provide the military governor, and those who have committed crimes against children and women, and medical staff, political, and places of worship in Bahrain. all the details of crimes against humanity committed by them, have been covered in the case: OTP-CR-202/11 that have been submitted to the International Criminal Court and are effectively followed up by the Council and the team of international lawyers.**
- 6. Remove restrictions on visits by humanitarian groups to monitor and stand on the fact of the tragic situation of human rights in Bahrain.**
- 7. Withdraw of Saudi and Al Jazeera Shield forces from Bahrain immediately due to the absence of any external threat that requires their presence.**
- 8. The establishment of an independent international body with the participation of Bahraini national cadres to follow up the implementation of the recommendations contained at the conclusion of the report of the Fact-Finding Commission (BICI) of Dr. Basiouni.**
- 9. Completion of discussion of human rights violations in Bahrain since the launch of its revolution glorious in the February 14, 2011 until the date of the day - to achieve the principle of justice and equality for all in all over the world and in the same way the deal - just like what happened with the file of human rights in Syria and the other by holding a special session for considering deteriorations and state of Human Rights in Bahrain.**

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