



# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING FAIR TRIAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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## **complaint about human rights situation in Kuwait: attack on Bidoon minorities**

After the incident of the suicide of the young Ayed Hamad, by hanging out himself with a rope in his room at the city of Saad al-Abdullah in the Jahra Governorate, because of the difficult financial situation and expelled from his job, because of he was not carrying a "security card", Taima area has witnessed sit-ins of Kuwaitis from "stateless" people, to demand their legitimate rights and express their regret on the "incident of suicide", resulting from depriving the Bidoon of equal rights with the citizens after all the services they have provided to the State of Kuwait.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights (ICSFT) is in solidarity with the people of Kuwait from "stateless" to meet their only demand of "citizenship" after procrastination from the state for more than 60 years. And deplore the campaign of arrests carried out by the Ministry of the Interior, which reached to arrest several young people.

The International Council affirms that the suicide incident of a young man from the "Bidoon" requires:

- International action, which obliges the State of Kuwait to investigate the racism practices of "The Central Agency" which is contrary to all human rights principles with "The Stateless" category, and its continuously to commit violations without any Without accountability or oversight by the Kuwaiti government and the National Assembly. Who contribute through their flawed silence to seek to get rid of that category instead of naturalization them.
- International pressure to start the process of naturalization of the "Bidoon" category, which was as a result due to an error committed by the State of Kuwait with the beginning of the implementation of Amiri Decree No. 15 of 1959 on the



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Nationality Law, the Naturalization Committees have followed conditions that did not take into account "the nature and inhabitants" for the people of nomads, and for various reasons like, they were not owning an official document, their existence at areas away from the city, they were not aware of the committees of naturalization, their lack of awareness at that time of the importance of obtaining citizenship and the advantages of the citizenship, so they turned from Kuwaiti citizens to the " illegal residents".

- Compelling the State of Kuwait to ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness for 1961.

**The International Council calls** for the release of all detainees in the Taima sit-ins, and for respect for their right to peaceful assembly, despite of the State of Kuwait has even Stripped them of that right, and have not respects their sorrow for the suicide of a young man "Bidoon", and their fear on their fate after such deprivation.

**ICSFT** confirms that it was right for the Ministry of the Interior to arrest several young stateless persons during sit-ins and put them behind prison bars. First, investigate the practices of the racist central apparatus for the Treatment of Illegal Residents.

**ICSFT** in keeping with the importance of resolving this humanitarian issue, affirms that it is prepared, in cooperation with international bodies and organizations concerned with Kuwaiti affairs, to contribute to the submission of a draft law to assist the State of Kuwait in addressing this issue, despite its absolute belief that the National Assembly is capable of drafting a law But his failure to keep him as an Emiri decree makes him a partner in that humanitarian crime and he is required today to explain why he ignored this issue.

**We call** upon the High Commission to visit prisoners in prisons and to ensure that no torture or cruel treatment is used against the Kuwaiti detainees.

**We also call** on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of the Interior to visit the detainees following peaceful sit-ins to demand their rights.



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Should you need further information on the issue, we remain at your disposal.

looking forward to hear back from your office to brainstorm on meaningful collaborations to stop such violation of international human rights. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this rather urgent matter.

Kind regards

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