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Kuwait: Report of the Monitoring and Documentation Team at the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights for a peaceful assembly on June 19, 2021.

Using their constitutional right and their right in the International laws and charters that sanctify freedom of speech, the Kuwaiti people continue to express issues that touch their civil, social and political life in peaceful gatherings.

The representative of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights in the State of Kuwait, Mr. Anwar Al-Rasheed and his team have closely monitored the human rights situation of the peaceful gathering of the Kuwaiti people on 19 of June, 2021, from its beginning until the end of the event.

Details:

Two main groups have participated in this gathering. The first group representing people who refuse vaccination against the Covid19 pandemic, and the second one representing the “Enough with the Corruption” group and some groups representing the issue of the Kuwaiti Bidoon, and a group calling for the return of refugees, migrants and prisoners of conscience. The event went well and started at eight o’clock in the evening as scheduled. It ended at nine o'clock and speeches were made and slogans were raised denouncing government corruption and rejecting the vaccination. In addition to the demands for the return of refugees and the release of the prisoners of conscience. Parliamentarians and political groups were sharply criticized for not attending this event. The protesters demanded the release of prisoners of conscience, the return of Kuwaiti refugees abroad and the abolition of laws restricting freedoms. The monitoring and documentation team monitored the following:



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First: To the government's credit, the main road was not closed in both directions from Seif Palace traffic circle until the traffic light of Al-Soor Street with the crossroad of Al-Khaleej Street, as what happened last week, but the car parks near Al-Erada Square were closed unnecessarily.

Second: The security forces did not interfere in the event.

Third: The event was extensively covered by local Media.

Fourth: Surveillance and control over the internet network were not noticed.

Fifth: To the Ministry of Interior and the Kuwaiti government credit, the security forces' dealing during and after the end of the event were peaceful and in a wonderfully civilized way.

Sixth: The women's attendance in this event was remarkable and they expressed their opinions about various issues of the country.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights welcomes the Kuwaiti authorities' respect for this peaceful gathering and stresses the need for the State of Kuwait to abide by its obligations in accordance with the international covenants which the Kuwaiti government has ratified and its obligations contained in the recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) 2020.

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