



# **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING FAIR TRIAL & HUMAN RIGHTS**

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## **Report of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights on the Peaceful gathering at Al-Irada Square – Kuwait on July 24, 2021**

A really remarkable development that is credited to the Kuwaiti government, represented by the Ministry of Interior, in dealing with the events of the peaceful gathering of a group of Kuwaiti citizens on the seventh consecutive Saturday, entitled “Save the Homeland 7,” which is the seventh week in a row that was monitored and documented by the international human rights advisor Anwar Al-Rasheed and the monitoring and documentation team that accompanies him in all events to monitor and document the peaceful vigils carried out by Kuwaiti citizens at Al-Irada Square.

In his report, Mr. Al-Rasheed expressed that the peaceful gathering on July 24, 2021 proceeded quite calmly and peacefully, and that security men and women did not interfere in its activities, as happened in the past weeks when citizens came to Al-Irada Square according to the timing they announced through their accounts on social media. They exercised their legitimate right to express their opinion. The monitoring and documentation team monitored the following:

First: - The Ministry of Interior is still insisting on closing the car parks near Al Irada Square where the gathering usually takes place.

Second: - A banner measurement of A4 was confiscated from a woman without reason at all.

Third: - The security men, charged with maintaining security, committed themselves to applying Article 44 of the Constitution by not being present among the protestors and attending with them.



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Fifth: - Through the Ministry of Interior, the Kuwaiti government has committed itself to implement citizens' legitimate rights in their right to demonstrate and peaceful gatherings following Article 44 of the Constitution.

*“Individuals have the right to meet without need for permission or prior notification; No member of the Security Force shall be allowed to attend their private meetings. Public assemblies, processions and gatherings are permitted in accordance with the conditions and the stipulations defined by Law provided the objects and the means of the gathering be peaceful and not incompatible with morals.”*

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights welcomes the measures taken by the Ministry of Interior during the gathering. ICSFT reminds the Kuwaiti authorities of the need to fully abide by the Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights signed and ratified by the Government of the State of Kuwait. It demands that demonstrators of different orientations and visions be allowed to express their opinion peacefully without any restrictions.

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