

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Att: Minister of Foreign Affairs Martin Lidegaard
Asiatisk Plads 2
1448 København K

1 September 2014

Re: Case of Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja

Dear Martin Lidegaard,

It is with deep concern that we write to you regarding Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, who is serving life in prison for exercising his rights and peacefully advocating reform in Bahrain. As you are well aware, Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja resumed his hunger strike last week. Medical professionals with experience in how hunger strikes impact the human body have indicated that his condition is extremely precarious, and that there is a real risk of a fatal outcome within a short span of time.

We know that the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been working on securing the release of Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja's over the past years. We agree with your recent comment that "a solution must be found in Al-Khawaja case" and appreciate your indication that you have spoken with other EU foreign ministers about the issue last week.

We would like to meet with you to provide the latest information that our organizations have from Bahrain, our analysis and assessment of the situation, and to discuss what specific steps may be taken to reach a solution and secure Al-Khawaja's release from prison. Due to the urgency of the situation, we are kindly requesting a meeting with you on Thursday September 4.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Amnesty International Denmark

Bahrain Center for Human Rights

Gulf Center for Human Rights

Human Rights Watch

International Media Support

PEN Denmark