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EBTISAM AL-SAEGH

Your Majesty

On the evening of 22 October, human rights defender Ebtisam al-Saegh was released from Isa Town Detention for women, in the Bahraini capital Manama. On the afternoon of the same day, she found out about her release order.

Ebtisam al-Saegh and her lawyer have yet to receive the casefile from the court and have not been informed about the conditions of her release. No new date for her trial has been announced yet. Ebtisam al-Saegh remains at risk of being re-arrested.

I am therefore calling on you to

- drop all the charges against Ebtisam al Saegh since they are related solely to the peaceful exercise of her right to freedom of expression and her human rights work;
- uphold the right to freedom of expression and repeal laws that criminalize the peaceful exercise of the rights to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly, including Article 216 of the Penal Code.

Sincerely Yours,

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