



**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in Arabic, English French or your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Khalil Hussein, Mahmoud 'Issa, Suleyman Shummar and Muhammad Mahfouz, while expressing concern that they appear to have been detained purely for peacefully exercising their legitimate right to freedom of expression;
- calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Anwar al-Bunni and Michele Kilo who are prisoners of conscience, held solely for their peaceful work in promoting democracy and human rights;
- calling for the charges against all those arrested in connection with the signing of the Beirut-Damascus Declaration to be dropped;
- seeking assurances that Anwar al-Bunni and Michele Kilo will be well-treated, and not tortured or ill-treated, while in custody;
- reminding the authorities that both men have the right to immediate and unrestricted access to their family, a lawyer, and any medical treatment they may need;
- urging the authorities to adhere to Article 38 of the Syrian Constitution which guarantees freedom of expression for its citizens, and reminding them that in detaining Anwar al-Bunni and Michele Kilo, they are breaching their obligations under the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) which affirms the right to enjoy freedom of opinion and expression (Article 19).

**APPEALS TO:**

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