

URGENT ACTION

SAYED JAMIL KADHEM RELEASED

Sayed Jamil Kadhem was released on 27 July after completing his six-month sentence.

Prisoner of conscience **Sayed Jamil Kadhem** was released on 27 July after he had served a six-month sentence. A senior member of Bahrain's main opposition group, al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, he had been held in Jaw prison, south of the capital, Manama. He had been sentenced on 13 January 2015 for "violating freedom of the elections by disrupting and spreading false statements about them with a view to impacting their outcome" after he tweeted about "political money" offered to people to run as candidates in the November 2014 elections. He also tweeted a call to boycott the elections.

He had been arrested the day after he was sentenced, but was released on bail on 1 February. He was taken back to prison on 15 February, when his sentence was upheld by an appeal court.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA 40/15. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/mde11/0012/2015/en/>

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