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Human rights observer in Abu Dhabi for 26 September trial of 5 UAE activists

An observer representing four international human rights organizations is travelling to the UAE in order to seek access to the trial of five activists imprisoned after calling for greater political rights and freedoms. The trial is scheduled on September 26 in Abu Dhabi's Federal Supreme Court

- **The trial observer is available for media interviews from the UAE.** For more information, please contact the Amnesty International Press Office on +44 (0) 20 7413 5566 or email press@amnesty.org
- The four organizations (Amnesty International, the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information (ANHRI), Front Line Defenders, and Human Rights Watch) have today released a **joint statement** calling on the UAE authorities to immediately drop all charges against five activists:
<http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE25/005/2011/en>
- **Amnesty International's UAE researcher** Drewery Dyke is also available for interview from London. Please contact the Amnesty International Press Office on +44 (0) 20 7413 5566 or email press@amnesty.org

The five, whose trial opened on June 14, are charged under article 176 of the Penal Code, which makes it a crime to publicly insult top officials.

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