

URGENT ACTION

ABDULHADI AL-KHAWAJA ENDS HUNGER STRIKE

Prisoner of conscience Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, one of the 13 jailed prominent opposition activists, ended his hunger strike on 23 September.

Prisoner of conscience **Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja**, a dual Bahraini-Danish national, ended his hunger strike on 23 September, after 30 days. His family visited him in prison on 6 October and said that he had gained three kilos and his blood pressure was a bit low but doctors had told him this would go back to normal after he put on more weight.

Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja lost 11 kilos during his hunger strike. According to his family, the doctor said that by the end he was in a critical condition and his blood pressure and sugar levels rose and fell very quickly and he could have had a heart attack or slipped into a coma during his sleep.

According to his family, Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja ended his hunger strike because other detainees on hunger strike with him were becoming ill. He asked the others to end their hunger strike, and they said they would only do so if he ended his. After Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja ended his hunger strike, the others followed.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Amnesty International will keep monitoring Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja's condition and take further campaigning action as necessary. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date. This is the first update of UA 166/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE11/023/2014/en>

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