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Your Majesty

I write to voice my deep concern over the detention of Mr. Abdulwahab Hussain and all prisoners of conscience currently suffering from torture and mistreatment in Bahrain. Abdulwahab Hussain is a philosopher and social activist who worked as both a teacher and a social worker until he was dismissed from his posts on account of his political activities.

On 17 March 2011, Mr. Hussain was arrested for his association with the non-violent protest movement that began in February of that year, in violation of the internationally recognized right to freedom of speech and expression. During his time in prison, Mr. Hussain has been held in solitary confinement and been [subject to mistreatment and torture](#).

Since his arrest in 2011, [Mr. Hussain has been denied adequate medical treatment while in detention](#). As a result, he suffers from complications relating to a chronic neurological disorder that will likely continue to worsen. In addition to this preexisting condition, Mr. Hussain suffers from retinal laceration, deteriorating eyesight, and low blood hemoglobin. Lack of treatment has resulted in numerous infections and yet medical care is still denied.

Your Majesty, I appeal to you as the person responsible for upholding the rights of all people in Bahrain to abide by international standards and provide Mr. Abdulwahab Hussain with immediate and adequate healthcare. Additionally, I urge you to approve the immediate and unconditional release of Mr. Hussain.

Sincerely,