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Your Highness,

I was extremely troubled to hear that the health of the renowned economist and academic Dr Nasser bin Ghaith has seriously deteriorated. He has already been 70 days on hunger strike. In this way he is protesting against the prison conditions in al-Razeen prison and against the fact that the prison authorities refuse access of those imprisoned to medical treatment.

I entreat you, your Highness to cancel his conviction and the sentence passed on him and have him released from prison as soon as possible. He is a prisoner of conscience, who was arrested simply for exercising his peacefully his right to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Pending his release, please ensure that Dr. Nasser bin Ghaith is

* protected from torture and other forms of ill-treatment and also to launch an investigation into the accusations that he has been a victim of “disappearance” as well as of torture and ill-treatment.
* transferred to a hospital in which impartial physicians can offer him the required treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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