

URGENT ACTION

BAHRAINI PHOTOGRAPHER RELEASED

Photographer and prisoner of conscience Ahmad Fardan has been released after completing his three-month prison sentence on 18 April.

Prisoner of conscience **Ahmad Fardan** was released on 18 April after completing his three-month prison sentence. He was sentenced on 17 February 2015 for “attempting to participate in a public gathering” in connection with a demonstration on 16 December 2013 in Abu Saiba’ village, west of Manama, the capital of Bahrain, which he had intended to cover as a photographer. He was arrested on 26 December 2013 and released on bail on 9 January 2014. He was taken back to prison on 3 February 2016, when his three-month prison sentence was upheld by an appeal court.

Ahmad Fardan had told the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) who visited him in prison on 9 January 2014 after Amnesty International had issued its first Urgent Action on his case, that he was subjected to torture and ill-treatment during his transfer to the Criminal Investigations Directorate (CID) in Manama and during his interrogation at the CID. Amnesty International is not aware that any further investigation by the SIU took place into Ahmad Fardan’s allegations of torture.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Amnesty International will continue to monitor Ahmad Fardan’s situation. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the third update of UA 3/14. Further information: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/MDE11/3393/2016/en/>

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