

URGENT ACTION

BAHRAINI PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE RELEASED

Bahraini activist Dr Sa'eed Mothaher Habib al-Samahiji has been released after completing his one-year prison sentence. He was a prisoner of conscience.

Dr Sa'eed Mothaher Habib al-Samahiji, a Bahraini activist, was released from Jaw Prison, south-eastern Bahrain by the Bahraini authorities on 3 January 2017, having served his one-year jail sentence. He had been sentenced on 7 April 2016 by the Lower Ninth Court in Manama, the capital, on charges of “insulting a brotherly State [Saudi Arabia]”, “publicly inciting to non-compliance with the laws and institutions in Bahrain” and “publicly calling for participation in unlicensed demonstrations and marches” on his Twitter account. During the trial he denied all the charges brought against him. He was a prisoner of conscience.

Dr Sa'eed al-Samahiji had been arrested on 3 January 2016 for disseminating information about the execution of prominent Saudi Shi'a cleric Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr and insulting the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on Twitter.

Amnesty International will continue to monitor Dr Sa'eed al-Samahiji's situation.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

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