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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by the Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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* This written statement is issued, unedited, in the language(s) received from the submitting non-governmental organization(s).



Abuses of children and women

The current wide and systematic abuses of children and women is unprecedented in the modern history of Bahrain since independence in 1971. Usually women and children were spared abuses in the previous ordeals due to special traditional consideration, but alas. Since 14 Feb. 2011 popular uprising women and children have been targeted by the security forces and judiciary. This has been well documented by UN Sp. Rapporteurs, local and international organization. We will focus on the current abuses against women and children.

Women have been un-presciently engaged in the popular movement of 14 Feb. for real reform, democracy, justice and human rights towards constitutional monarchy. Women constitute at least one third of the public in demonstrations and rallies. Women addressed the public for the first time and engaged actively in seminars, conferences and meetings. Notably women acquired bigger share in the leadership of opposition polity and independent civil society. But in all cases, women as men engaged in peaceful protests and mostly in licensed activities.

The Rule has no special regard for women, thus penalized unjustifiably and disproportionately on phony charges, for deeds that are legitimate according to The Constitution of Bahrain and international norms. Some women were shot or suffocated due to gas bombs. Several women have been injured due to pelleted bullets, used against protesters or police assaults during protests, house raids and violent interrogation. Several women have been prosecuted, tried and sentenced on phony charges upon unfair trials. Actually some have been threatened with rape or exposed to molesting and torture. Among those sentenced or in custody awaiting being sentenced are:

- 1- Ms. Rayhana Almosawi serving 3 Y imprisonment ,sentenced in 21-4-2014 for alleged testing the security system of Bahrain Circuit for bad design. Ms. Almosawi testified before the court that she was stripped off cloth during interrogation.
- 2- Ms. Nafesa Alasfoor , was arrested and sentenced with Ms. Rayhana Almosawi for the same charge, who were released recently
- 3- Ms. Ayat Alsafar
- 4- Ms. Zahra Alshaikh, with her infant child with health problems
- 5- Ms. Mariam Sahwan, arrested in house dawn raid recently and still in custody
- 6- Ms. Jalila Sayed Amin arrested in house dawn raid recently and still in custody
- 7- Ms. Maryam Almarzooq, 40 Y, with 7 children ,arrested on 16-2-2015, on charge of hiding wanted defendant, where actually 2 were arrested at the roof of her without her consent roof.
- 8- Ms. Zaenab Abdulhade Alkhawaja who served 6 months on charge of unlicensed assembly , and who was detained but released due to giving birth, but awaits another trial on charge of entering sanctioned place. Actually she entered Jao Prison insisting on visit of her jailed father Mr. Abdulhadi Alkhawaja, HRD, sentenced for life imprisonment.
- 9- Ms. Maryam Abdulhadi Alkhawaja, sister of Zaenab, who awaits trial in absentee, on charge of slandering the state

B) Abuses Against Children

The Penal Law, consider 16 Y child as adult while The Law against Terrorism consider felonies such as throwing rocks or burning tires as serious terrorist crime punishable between 3-10 Y imprisonment , where even children under 16 According to local sources there are more than 140 detained children, under 18 Y age. Those above 16 Y are imprisoned with adults, while those above 16 Y are imprisoned separately. These are students at deferent stages, intermediate, secondary and vocational schools. Many has been denied of regular studies, training and setting for exams. Worse, once convicted, defendants can not resume study at previous school or any official school. In most cases, the arrest is at home, without judicial warrant, using force against defendant and relatives, interrogation in absence of defendant lawyer, trial in absence of relatives, visitation is scarce, and abuses in detention is common.

Children are prosecuted according to Anti-Terror Law, and not Juvenile Law, thus could be kept in custody for 45 days, awaiting trial with rare opportunity to meet parents, then tried before the minor court and not Juvenal Court, and could be sentence to 10 Y imprisonment, for minor charges such as throwing rocks or burning tires.

Several children were injured during protest or even close to protests areas ,where police shoot at protesters upper body, using shotguns and gas bombs. The latest victims are MohmdMahdiAlsawd, shot at forehead with deep injury

Minors Casualties of Shot Guns

- 1-Yaser MonerAlSowaikh, .980110190, 31-1-2015. Detained
- 2-Ali AbduljalilMarhoon, , 04031008, 23-1-2015
- 3- Mohamd Mahdi Alsawa, ,02401833, 23-1-2015
- 4-Hasan Ali Alnoaimi, ,980509319, 13-1-2015
- 5-Mohamd Jawad Alhawi, .011107499, 1-2-2015

Names of some Detainees and Condemners children

Name of detainee: Ali Abdul Al-Halim Ali Maki Omran

CPR: 970402686

Date of Birth: 10/04/1997

Contacts Numbers: 39565695

Date of Violation: 25/01/2015

District: Nuwaidrat

Academic Level: Intermediate School - second year

Name of detainee:Qasim Mohammed Ameen Hussain Adhrahbooh

CPR: 970800851

Date of Birth: 03/08/1997

Contacts Numbers: 39984042/39586655

Date of Violation: 25/01/2015

District: Sitra "wadian"

Academic Level: Secondary School - Third year

Name of detainee: Sayed Ali Mustafa Hussain shabar

CPR: 980208890

Date of Birth: 28/02/1998

Contacts Numbers: 33211903

Date of Violation: 25/01/2015

District: Sitra

Academic Level: Secondary "Industrial education" - second year

Name of detainee: Shaker Hassan Ahmed Al-A'ali

CPR: 970105452

Date of Birth: 27/01/1997

Contacts Numbers: 37772313

Date of Violation: 12/02/2015

Name of detainee: Ahmed Khalil Ibrahim Ali Hassan

CPR: 950502162

Contacts Numbers: 33099534

Date of Violation: 13/03/2013

Name of detainee:Mahmood Naji Ali Yassein Al-Darwish

CPR: 971209197

Contacts Numbers: 34356125

Date of Violation: 15/01/2014