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**KATAR**

**Subject: Hazza and Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri**

Your Excellency

I learned that Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri and his brother Rashedhave been sentenced to life imprisonment. The reason for this is that they have criticized a law concerning the Shura council.

I read that they have not just been imprisoned but spent half a year in solitary confinement. I consider this torture.

Furthermore, I feel that criticizing something is an everyday manner, a way of using ones freedom of expression in the country one lives in. The best decisions and the wisest policy result from discussions and arguments, not from fear.

I ask you to let them free for they are humans as I am. Until they can leave the prison, please make sure that they can contact their families and lawyers. And please make sure that the get the medical treatments they need.

Kind regards