Roundtable Discussion with Bahraini Delegation of opposition leaders
22 January 2014, 12.30-14.00, Brussels

Abduljalil Khalil

Abduljalil Khalil is a leading figure in Al Wefaq National Islamic Society, Bahrain's leading opposition society. Founded in 2002, Al Wefaq contested Parliamentary Elections in 2006 and 2010, becoming the largest bloc in Parliament in 2010 with 18 out of 40 MP's. Whilst in Parliament Abduljalil Khalil was the Head of Al Wefaq's Parliamentary Bloc and is a leading spokesman in the media. In February 2011, following the crackdown on democracy protests, he resigned his position as an MP along with his 17 other colleagues.

Ali Alaswad

Ali Alaswad is a leading member within Al Wefaq National Islamic Society and was an MP elected during the 2010 Parliamentary elections. He resigned in February 2011, following the crackdown on democracy protests, along with his colleagues in Al Wefaq. In the early stages of the 2011 uprising he was active with the international media about the events in Bahrain. After threats to his home he moved to London in June 2011, where he has been continuing his political activity in raising the issue of democracy in Bahrain. In 2013 he gave evidence to the UK Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee Inquiry into UK relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

Abdulnabi Salman

Abdulnabi Salman is the Secretary General of Al Minbar Society, also known as the "Progressive Democratic Tribune". Al Minbar are to the left of Bahraini politics and took part in the 2002 Parliamentary Elections, winning 3 seats in the Parliament, although they failed to win any seats in the 2006 election. Abdulnabi Salman was also one of the 6 opposition delegates to the recent National Dialogue process.

Radhi Al-Mosawi

Radhi Al Mousawi is the Secretary General of Waad Society, also known as the National Democratic Society. They are Bahrain's foremost leftist group, with key figures including the imprisoned Ibrahim Shariff, his wife Fareeda Ghulam, Dr. Munira Fakhro and leading human rights expert Abdulnabi Alekry. Waad formed in 2001, bringing together former leftist and human rights activists. They are second largest opposition society after Al Wefaq and a part of the Coalition known as the "National Democratic Opposition Societies". Radhi Al Mousawi was one of the 6 opposition delegates to the recent National Dialogue process.