On the occasion of the adoption of the
United Nations Human Rights Council’s
Universal Periodic Review Report for Bahrain

TOWARDS JUSTICE FOR BAHRAIN

On the day of the adoption of Bahrain’s UPR Report by the UN Human Rights Council, the NRPTT, together with international and Bahraini partners, will host a side event to hear from activists on the ground in Bahrain about the real situation the country is in, uncovering the truth in Bahrain and showing the real face of a campaign of repression to silence opposition and independent voices.

Following the publication of the Report of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI) in November 2011, the King and authorities in Bahrain pledged to implement the recommendations within the BICI Report, a commitment they reiterated during the UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR) last May. The human rights situation in Bahrain has deteriorated. There have been severe restrictions on peaceful assembly and protests; use of lethal weapons such as gas and pellet shots; continued arrests, including 89 children; unfair trials; and repression against human rights organisations and activists. This is taking place in the context of a campaign of hatred and slander against several opposition groups and actions taken in respect of UN Human Rights mechanisms, including threats of reprisals against Bahraini human rights organisations participating in the UPR process and blocking internet access to the recent HRC sessions on the same topic just this past week.

Speakers include:

Sayed Hadi Al Mosawi – Head of Human Rights Section, Al Wefaq
Lamees Dhaif – Bahraini journalist (includes short film)
Said Yousif Almuhaefda – Bahrain Centre for Human Rights
Husain Abdulla – Director, Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain
Jaleela Al-Salman – Deputy Vice President Bahrain Teacher’s Union

Co-Chaired by Mohammed Al Tajer – Human Rights Lawyer and
Massoud Shadjareh – IHRC
Moderated by Niccolò Figà-Talamanca – Secretary-General, NPWJ

Conclusions presented by NRPTT

19 September 2012, 2pm - 4pm,
Room XVI, Building A, 5th Floor, Palais Des Nations, Geneva

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Co-hosted by the Islamic Human Rights Committee, No Peace Without Justice, the Bahrain Human Rights Organisation, the Bahrain Human Rights Society, the Bahrain Centre for Human Rights, Transparency International, the Bahrain Rehabilitation and Anti-Violence Organisation (BRAVO) and the Al Wafaq Human Rights Department.