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Your Majesty,

I am writing to you to express my severe concern about

Ebtisam al-Saegh

who was arrested on 3 July after her home was raided by masked security officers. Amnesty International understands that she is being held at Issa Town detention centre for women, on the outskirts of Manama. She is a prisoner of conscience at risk of torture and other ill-treatment, including sexual assault.

- I am calling on the authorities to release her immediately and unconditionally as she is detained solely because of the peaceful exercise of her right to freedom of expression and her human rights work.
- I am urging you to ensure that she is not tortured or otherwise ill-treated, and is promptly provided with regular access to her lawyer, family and any medical attention she may require.
- I am urging you to order a prompt, impartial, independent and effective investigation into her torture allegations and bring anyone responsible to justice in proceedings that respect international fair trial standards.

Your commitment to this issue will be appreciated all over the world.

Sincerely

Copies to be sent to
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