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**Condemnation Statement of the (ICSFT) to  
imprisonment of the prominent human rights defender Nabeel Rajab for three  
months for using of his account on Twitter in his defence of Human Rights**

**Fighter / Nabeel Rajab, president of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights and Director of the Gulf Centre for Human Rights has a famous account at twitter that has more than 158.000 observers, and uses this account to express his opinion in addressing the continuing human rights violations in Bahrain.**

**On July 9, 2012 unjustly convicted by the Criminal Minor fifth Court for defaming the citizens of the town of Muharraq and sentenced him to prison for three months, in a case linked to six tweets posted on Twitter in the June 2, 2012, which was directed only towards those responsible for human rights violations in Bahrain and shed light on corruption, and as a result he was arrested and filed a defamation suit against him on behalf of the people of Muharraq by individuals belonging to the government and the National Security Service.**

**That what this fighter had done is one of the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by the U N Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as recognized internationally, and adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1998, recognizes the legitimacy of the human rights defenders' activities and their right to freedom of association and carry out their activities without fear of reprisals from the authorities that violate human rights.**

**The ICSFT condemns in the strongest terms imprisonment of Mr. Nabeel Rajab, and believes strongly that his arrest is part of an ongoing campaign of judicial harassment against him in order to prevent him from continuing his legitimate and peaceful activities in the area of human rights, and the ICSFT holds the authorities in Bahrain responsible for his safety and requires them to drop the charges against him and also calls for his immediate release.**

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