



**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING
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**Statement of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial
and Human Rights (ICSFT)-Geneva
about
Vicious Attack on Human Rights defender Nabeel Rajab**

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights (ICSFT) condemns Vicious Attack on Human Rights defender Nabeel Rajab The President of Gulf Centre for Human Rights (GCHR) and Bahrain Centre for Human Rights (BCHR) Nabeel Rajab was beaten severely by the security forces in Bahrain on Friday the 6th January 7, 2012 then moved in an ambulance to Salmaniya hospital after participating in a peaceful protest in Manama earlier tonight. He has told his lawyer on a phone call following the attack that the policemen gathered around him suddenly and started to beat him. He informed the lawyer that while lying on the ground he was beaten all over his body and specially on his back and face and that his face injuries are serious. He has an injury just below his right eye. He was then taken to Salmanyia hospital which is still controlled by a heavy security presence since last March.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights (ICSFT) is deeply concerned that this latest attack comes as part of an increasingly hostile environment that human rights defenders in Bahrain are facing which has included the repression of peaceful demonstrations in the villages of Bahrain, the arbitrary arrest of nonviolent protesters on daily basis, and the attacks and intimidation of human rights defenders who are defending the people's rights in Bahrain.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights (ICSFT) condemns in the strongest possible term this vicious attack on a well known human rights figure inside Bahrain and on the regional and international levels. GCHR, BCHR and CIHRS, are gravely concerned for the physical and psychological integrity of Nabeel Rajab and holds the government of Bahrain responsible for his safety.



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