



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING FAIR TRIAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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Report of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights of the Peaceful gathering at Al-Irada Square on August 21, 2021

Kuwaiti citizens continued their peaceful protest gatherings at “Al-Irada Square”. Over the course of 11 weeks, people’s demands for a louder voice to express cases affecting the lives of all Kuwaiti people continue. The peaceful gathering entitled “Saturday's Save the Homeland 11” took place superbly, with no intervention by the security forces unlike in the past weeks. In return, the authorities have continued to close the parking lots, which has not changed since the protests began in “Al-Irada Square”. The closure of parking lots is intended to limit citizens' access to the “Al-Irada Square” and prevent them from participating in peaceful gathering.

It is noted, however, that despite extreme heat and high humidity, citizens continue to arrive to participate in the peaceful gathering. It is remarkable that the participation of Kuwaiti women in the protests has been overshadowed by the events, in reference to the importance and diversity of these peaceful gatherings.

Citizens have declared a peaceful assembly in “Eshbilialia” in support of the forcibly disappeared. Among these forcibly disappeared people, a security officer working for the Ministry of the Interior in the office of one of the assistant agents has been detained in the State Security Service. His daughter reported that he had been subjected to verbal and physical abuse during his investigation without knowing the reasons. It should be noted that many sources have suggested that the reason for the disappearance of the military officer was an influence struggle between leaders in the Ministry of the Interior entitled Corruption.

In this context, our claims, those of the disappeared people, and those of the people addressed to the Ministry of the Interior have escalated to clarify what has happened. It was also requested to provide an official statement explaining the truth about what was happening.

However, the Ministry and the Government as a whole remained silent, with the issue still interacting for nearly a week today. It should be noted that another woman expressed concern on social media that her military son had also disappeared a week earlier without any information.



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Over the past few weeks, the State Security Service has tapped its powers with activists and non-activists. They are detained and investigated in cases that are not worthy of attention, as well as in cases of opinion, which is the result of a wave of popular disapproval. Also, the wave of incitement against the women participating in “Al-Irada Square” events escalated. It has been noted that some parties with suspicious relationships with local and regional security agencies have resorted to exposure to these women through immoral clichés. Here, we stress that these practices are merely a reference to the confusion experienced by the security forces in attempts to discourage citizens from raising their voices and claiming their rights.

Further to the above, the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights “ICSFT” expresses concern about practices affecting citizens' rights to express their views and claim their rights. The “ICSFT” also considers that attempts to restrict women citizens participating in the protests are a serious sign of the violation of women's rights, the preservation of which has always been one of the most important pillars of democracy and human rights in Kuwait.

In addition, the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights “ICSFT” calls upon the Kuwaiti Government to act to meet the right demands of its citizens. Furthermore, the Kuwaiti Government should review its obligations before the Constitution and international forums to comply with the constitutional rights guaranteed by the Kuwaiti Constitution under articles 36 and 44 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by the State of Kuwait.

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