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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 28, 2021

For the twelfth week in a row, the Medical Freedom Group continues to conduct its activities in Al_Irada Square in Kuwait. On Saturday, August 28th, Kuwaiti citizens sought to express their opinion on issues of concern to them, in particular their legitimate right to decide whether they want to get the Corona vaccine or not. The demonstrators considered that forcing them to take the vaccine was a violation of their personal freedoms and a flagrant physical violation of their rights.

The peaceful gathering on "Saturday Save homeland 12" took place admirably. There has been no record of open intervention by Kuwaiti security forces, except for monitoring the intervention of elements believed to be undercover security forces. A number of these security forces were spotted unnecessarily taking photos of the participants and then pulling out of the scene.

Therefore, the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights; assures that the Ministry of the Interior is responsible for such behaviours, whether or not they belong to it. Of course, this is a clear violation and an act of intimidation rejected by the participants in the protest.

On the other hand, parking lots are still being closed since the first week of peaceful gathering aimed at restricting citizens and preventing them from reaching Al-Irada Square. However, in addition to the high temperatures, many citizens were present with the active participation of Kuwaiti women, who made up the highest percentage of attendance.

With regard to the harassment of women activists participating in the gathering at Al-Irada Square, we have observed an increase in the frequency of incitement and escalation against them and, according to some of them, the use of contacts by suspected parties with local security agencies to contact the women's families.

In addition, a number of harassment of Kuwaiti women has been monitored to limit their active participation during previous stops, and has been documented through our successive reports.

ICSFT holds the Ministry of the Interior fully responsible for what is happening, which is a flagrant violation of human rights, knowing that the practices of the State Security Service are totally incompatible with its official competence.

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