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Report of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights at Al-Irada Square on Saturday, titled “Save the Homeland 8”, on July 31, 2021

The ICSFT followed the peaceful gathering at Al-Irada Square on July 31, 2021, from 20:00 to 21:00. Groups of citizens representing a number of issues of concern including: “Medical Freedom” Group, “Housing Seekers” group, and “No Corruption” group. During this gathering, people exercised their legitimate right to express their opinion peacefully without the presence or interference of any of the security forces.

However, it is noteworthy to register two observations, for which, the Kuwaiti government should take into consideration in the future events and protests; these observations are:

First: - The Kuwaiti government is still insisting on closing the car parks near Al-Irada Square. From our point of view, this is an attempt to pose restrictions to limit the number of protesters. Nevertheless, as part of our follow up of monitoring and documentation for the eighth week in a row, we did not notice that numbers of participants were decreasing less than their usual average. Accordingly, we call on the Kuwaiti government not to use its abusive powers to restrict citizens' exercise of their legitimate right.

Second: - The security men tried to confiscate a hand-held microphone and a legal argument took place between them and the participants. The security men withdrew without confiscating the microphone.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights calls on the Kuwaiti authorities to fully abide by the Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, signed and ratified by the government of the State of Kuwait, and to open the way for demonstrators of different orientations and visions to express their opinion peacefully without any restrictions.

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