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## **Report of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights of the Peaceful gathering at Al-Irada Square on September 19, 2021**

The Monitoring and Documentation team of the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights, continues to cover the peaceful gatherings in Al\_Irada Square in Kuwait. Anwar Al-Rashid, Chairman of the Monitoring and Documentation team, followed up with the peaceful gathering entitled (Saturday Save Homeland 15<sup>th</sup>).

The protest was highly smooth and organized, involving several groups, headed by the Medical Freedom Group, as well as many citizens and activists. During the peaceful gathering, many participants made statements to the electronic press, while the traditional paper press continued to ignore the coverage of the gatherings over the past weeks.

In a speech addressed to the public at Al\_Irada Square, Chancellor Anwar al-Rashid revealed an official letter addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait, which included an interrogation on the recommendations of the Human Rights Council concerning freedoms and human rights. However, the ministry officials refused to receive the letter. Also, Rashid revealed another letter delivered to the Council of Ministers with the same content, without any answer. In addition, Al-Rashid reported on another document containing a letter addressed to the Minister of Justice of Kuwait concerning the implementation of laws restricting freedoms, the terms of which were affected 30 prisoners of opinion and whose fines exceeded US \$3 million for political activists.

Moreover, MP Thamer Al-Suwayt - Chairman of the Human Rights Commission of the Kuwaiti National Assembly, invited Al-Rasheed to an urgent meeting, during which, Al-Rasheed handed him a list of the Human Rights Council recommendations to the Government of Kuwait, for which, the Kuwaiti government informed the Council that they have taken note since July 2020. It should be noted that these recommendations (49/157 - 66/157 - 67/157 - 152/157) involved claims to amend the laws restricting

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freedoms applied in Kuwait. Al-Rashid also handed over a list of the names and years of imprisonment handed down to tweets, opinion-makers and politicians, totaling 830.4 years. It should be noted that Deputy Thamer Al-Suwayt promised to pursue the matter with the Kuwaiti Government very soon.

On the other hand, the Monitoring and Documentation team has reaffirmed that the Kuwaiti Ministry of the Interior has maintained its obstructionist position and continued attempts to restrict the participants in order to prevent them from gaining access to Al-Irada square to participate in the gatherings. The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights (ICSFT) stresses that the continuation by the Ministry of the Interior of this policy towards citizens is an explicit violation of the legitimate right of citizens to peaceful assembly, which is contrary to the obligations and obligations of the Kuwaiti Government with regard to the rights of Kuwaiti citizens protected by the Constitution.

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