

BOTSCHAFT DER VEREINIGTEN ARABISCHEN EMIRATE IN DEUTSCHLAND

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Your Excellency

This is a copy of the letters to: President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, Vereinigte Arabische Emirate

Your Highness,

allow me first, to introduce myself to your Highness as a member of Amnesty International. For several years I have read about the fates of the following citizens of your country:

- **Dr Mohammed Abdullah al-Roken**
- **Dr Mohammed al-Mansoori**
- **Hussain al Alnajjar al-Hammadi**
- **Saleh Mohammed al-Dhufairi**
- **Dr Ahmed al Zaabi**
- **Sheikh Dr Sultan Kayed Mohammed al Qassimi**
- **Khalifa al-Nuaimi**
- **Abdulla al-Hajri**

All these men were sentenced to 10 respectively 7 years in prison on 2 June 2013.

The results of our investigations showed that they had only peacefully exercised their rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association.

We were also informed, that **Dr Mohammed Abdullah al-Roken** was stripped of his license to practice law. Others who were working as teachers before detention, lost their jobs on the day of their sentence.

So please allow me to urge you to do your utmost to ensure that these persons named

- are immediately and unconditionally released,
- the sentences are dropped
- and they are allowed to resume their professional work.

I would further like to ask your Highness to ensure that

- provisions contained in the UAE are brought into line with international human rights standards, repealing Federal Decree-Law No. 5 of 2012 on Combating Cyber Crimes and amending Article
- 180 in the Federal Penal Code accordingly,
- authorities change administrative procedures to ensure that all trials meet international fair trial standards
- and the UAE government signs and ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Thank you in advance for your answer and every kind effort.

Yours respectfully