

Your Excellency;

I respectfully urge the authorities to guarantee Bassem Darwish Khidr Murad's right to a fair trial including her right to have access to lawyers of her own choosing, her right not to incriminate herself and her right to a public hearing. Independent monitors should be allowed unimpeded access to her trial hearings.

I further urge the authorities to conduct independent, impartial and full investigations into claims that she was tortured and otherwise ill-treated at the General Security Directorate in Dohuk and to ensure that any information extracted under torture or duress is inadmissible as evidence in proceedings.

I strongly urge the authorities to ensure that she is provided with all necessary medical and psychosocial assistance, as well as counselling, to help her overcome her ordeal in captivity.

Sincerely yours,