

I am writing to express my deep concern that Kuwaiti Bidun activists 'Abdulhakim al-Fadhli and 'Abdullah 'Atallah were arrested again on 7 July after demonstrations and are now held in the Central Prison in Kuwait City. We believe they are prisoners of conscience.

Therefore I urge you to release 'Abdulhakim al-Fadhli and 'Abdullah 'Atallah immediately and unconditionally, if they are held solely for peacefully exercising their rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association.

I also urge you to order an impartial and independent investigation into the reported police torture of 'Abdulhakim al-Fadhli and bring those responsible to justice.

Your attention would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,