

Dear sir,

I am writing this letter to express my grave concern for Muhammad Qahtan, a leading figure in the al-Islah political party, who is currently in custody of Ansarullah since 4 April 2015. His family is not informed where he is detained. He has type 2 diabetes, but couldn't take his medication with him when he was detained. There is a risk his health may be deteriorating and he may need medical attention. Moreover, there is a fear that he may be subjected to torture or other ill-treatment.

I urge you to ensure that Muhammad Qahtan immediately and fully receives any medical treatment he may require.

I also call on you to immediately inform his family of his whereabouts and to ensure that he is protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and given regular access to his family and a lawyer.

In addition, I urge you to release Muhammad Qahtan unless he is to be transferred to proper judicial authorities and promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,