

(Translated from Arabic)

Report on Nabeel Ahmed Abdul Rasul Rajab in connection with case No. 72123/2016

Subject:

The Office of the Public Prosecutor received a communication from the police to the effect that the accused had published and disseminated false and biased news, statements and rumours that compromised the dignity and prestige of the Kingdom and undermined confidence in it, because he accused the regime in the Kingdom of pursuing a policy of repression and intimidation and of arresting opponents. He also claimed that the authorities committed crimes of murder, torture and sectarianism. In addition, the material he published insulted the judiciary.

Measures taken:

1. The Office of the Public Prosecutor interrogated the accused on 14 June 2016 in the presence of his lawyers. He was confronted with the statements and encounters attributed to him and the accused refrained from responding. The Office of the Public Prosecutor decided to remand him in custody pending investigations after charging him with deliberately disseminating false and biased news, statements and rumours abroad concerning the internal situation in the State in a manner designed to compromise its dignity and prestige.

The investigations and legal proceedings are still pending.

2. Defence counsel for the accused lodged a complaint on 30 June 2013, claiming that the accused was suffering in his place of detention on account of the existing conditions and because he remained solitary in his cell. The Office of the Public Prosecutor visited the place of detention on the same day and listened to the statements made by the accused, who reiterated the content of the complaint and requested an increase in the number of visits from once to twice a week and permission to make telephone calls each day. In light of his [REDACTED], it was decided to move him to the hospital, where he remained under observation for two days. The Office of the Public Prosecutor inspected his place of detention and found that there were five cells, with three beds in each cell. The accused had been placed in one of them alone because he was the only detainee in the detention facility. The suitcase of the accused was next to his bed together with a pile of books. The inspection also revealed that there were five bathrooms and recreational facilities for inmates, including television and means of entertainment. The facility was also illuminated by sunlight.

