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Mr. Seong-Phil Hong, the Chair-Rapporteur of Working Group on Arbitrary detention

Mr. David Kaye, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt, the Special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Mr. Michel Forst, the Special rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders

Mr. Juan E. Mendez, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

I have acknowledged receiving your joint appeal no. (SAU 3/2015) dated 12th June 2015, and after a comprehensive reviewing I would like to refer to my detailed and legal response which I sent on the 26th of January 2015 (No. 413/6/8/1/926). Furthermore, I would like to refer to the latest official statement issued by an official source at the Saudi Ministry of Foreign affairs (attached a copy) which was sent the OHCHR and circulated to all Missions. I do hope that our response will be taken with full consideration.

Please accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

Ambassador Faisal Trad
The Permanent Representative
Ref. No. 413/6/8/1/2425

Geneva, 12 June 2015

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and has the honour to attach the official statement issued by an official source at the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the case of Citizen Raef Badawi.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

[Signature]

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs Condemns Statements by Some Countries and Organizations Regarding Case of Citizen Raef Badawi

Jeddah, Sha'ban 24, 1436, Jun 11, 2015, SPA -- An official source at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has condemned statements by some countries and international organizations regarding the case of Saudi citizen Raef Badawi, although the judiciary or any official body in the State has not issued any statement regarding his case. The judiciary is independent in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the source said, adding that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia does not accept any interference in its jurisdiction or internal affairs by any party. SPA--

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وكالة الأنباء السعودية

عام / وزارة الخارجية تعرب عن استنكارها للتصريحات والبيانات الصادرة من بعض الدول والمنظمات حول قضية المواطن رائف بدوي

جدة 24 شعبان 1436 هـ الموافق 11 يونيو 2015 م واس أعرب مصدر مسؤول بوزارة الخارجية عن الاستغراب والاستنكار الشديدين من التصريحات والبيانات الصادرة من بعض الدول والمنظمات الدولية، حول قضية المواطن السعودي رائف بدوي، رغم أنه لم يصدر أي تصريح بشأنه من القضاء أو أي جهة حكومية في الدولة. وأضاف المصدر أن القضاء في المملكة يتمتع بالاستقلالية، وأن المملكة لا تقبل التدخل في قضايتها أو شأنها الداخلي من أي طرف كان.

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