

*(Translated from Arabic)*

**Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office at Geneva**

**The Kingdom's official response to the allegation sent by the special procedures group concerning Qatari citizen Abdulaziz Halwan Abdullah**

Qatari citizen Abdulaziz Saeed Saad Halwan Abdullah (Qatari identity No. 29563404734) was arrested on A.H. 20 Shawwal 1439 (4 July 2018 A.D.) and detained pursuant to an arrest warrant issued by the competent authority on the charge of being linked to a terrorist organization, in accordance with article 2 of the Terrorist Crimes and their Financing Act, which stipulates that: "The offences defined in the Act are deemed to be serious offences warranting arrest." He is detained in the General Intelligence Prison (*Al-Mabahith*) in Riyadh and the case is still under investigation.

The person concerned is treated in accordance with the judicial regulations, which provide the necessary safeguards and guarantee his rights, and he receives medical care, just like other detainees. In fact, all detainees and prisoners undergo a medical examination as soon as they are placed in custody and they all receive health care. The person concerned was permitted to contact his family more than once, in accordance with the implementing regulations of the Al-Mabahith prisons.

The Kingdom's Government requests that this case should be deemed to have been clarified, in line with the methods of work of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances laid down in document A/HRC/WGEID/102/2 of 2 May 2014, since the whereabouts of the person concerned and the grounds for his arrest and detention have been established.

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