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Champions for Justice: *#BahrainPrisoners of Conscience*



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Abduljalil al-Singace

Age	47 years
Occupation	Professor of Engineering
Position	Director of the Human Rights Bureau, Haq Movement for Liberty and Democracy
Date of Arrest	March 16, 2011
Charges	Attempting to overthrow the regime
Sentence	Life in prison

Dr. Abduljalil Abdulla al-Singace is a mechanical engineer, prominent blogger and human rights activist who has promoted human rights as a member and leader of multiple political societies, including Al-Wefaq and the Haq Movement for Liberty and Democracy. He has also used his blog, Al-Faseelah, to advocate against human rights violations in Bahrain.

In January 2009, Al-Singace was arrested for his alleged involvement in a terror plot and for allegedly promoting hostility and hatred toward the regime through his blog, which the government later blocked. After being released from prison in April 2009 following a royal pardon, Al-Singace was arrested again on August 13, 2010 after returning from a trip to the United Kingdom where he discussed human rights concerns in Bahrain at a conference at the House of Lords. He was charged with abusing freedom of expression and opinion by allegedly encouraging violent and radical activities against the regime. Al-Singace reported that he was held incommunicado in solitary confinement and subjected to both physical and mental torture.

Al-Singace was released after six months in prison, but was arrested again a month after his release for his participation in peaceful protests that broke out in early 2011. In the middle of the night on March 17, 2011, four dozen police officers forcefully entered Dr. Al-Singace's home, beat him, and took him to the police station at gunpoint. He was moved to Al-Qurain military prison where he was confined to a 2m x 3m cell and subjected to [torture and ill-treatment](#), including forced standing (Mr. Al-Singace is paralyzed and can only stand on one leg), verbal and sexual assault, beatings, and prolonged solitary confinement. He was tried in the National Safety Court in June 2011, where he was sentenced to life in prison for allegedly plotting to topple the government. The case was retried in a civilian court in April 2012, but Dr. Al-Singace's sentence was upheld. On January 7, 2013, the case went to the Court of Cassation, but his life sentence was again upheld. Al-Singace [continues to be denied family visits and medical attention](#), despite serious health problems.

Al-Singace's condition recently [worsened in October 2013](#). He has been denied access to critical medical treatment since March 2013, with as many as fourteen medical appointments having been cancelled by Bahraini authorities. Al-Singace is currently suffering from a damaged ear drum and a serious nasal sinus infection. He is also suffering muscular issues including ruptured muscles in his chest and left hand and numbness in his hand, leg and chest.