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Your Excellency,

I am alarmed by the news that on 31 January 2024, an Appeals Court sentenced **Mohammad al-Barghash**, the Head of the National Bloc of Kuwaiti Bidun, to three years imprisonment on charges that include "spreading false news" after he conducted an interview with a foreign broadcasting channel discussing the situation of the stateless Bidun community in Kuwait.

Mohammad al-Barghash was detained on 3 September 2023. On 25 October, a criminal court acquitted him, and he was released after spending over seven weeks in detention. However, the prosecution appealed the decision.

I urge you to immediately and unconditionally drop the charges against **Mohammad al-Barghash**, as they are based solely on his expression of his opinion and quash his conviction and sentence.

Yours sincerely,