

Ahmed Humaidan (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Bahrain

Occupation: Renowned Bahraini photographer. Humaidan has won 163 photography awards for his efforts to capture pictures of human rights abuses perpetrated by police in Bahrain.



Detained Since: December 29, 2012

Charges: Participating in an attack against a police station

Sentence: 10 years imprisonment

Additional: After receiving news that he was wanted for charges of “demonstrating illegally” and “using violence to assault police and damage public properties” Humaidan went into hiding from April to December 2012; throughout this time, his family and friends didn’t know of his wellbeing or whereabouts. However, at around midnight on December 29, 15 plain clothed officers finally located and arrested him at a local shopping mall. He was held incommunicado for over 19 hours before he was able to contact his family.

On March 26, 2014, Humaidan was sentenced to 10 years in prison for participating in an attack against a police station on the island of Sitra in 2012. Fadhel Al-Sawad, Humaidan’s lawyer said that there was no substantial evidence presented against his client except for the confessions that were given under torture and information that was given by “confidential” sources. According to Humaidan’s family, he has been subject to a wide array of physical and psychological torture techniques.

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