

## **Mahdi ‘Issa Mahdi Abu Dheeb (m)**

**Adoption Status:** Adopted by Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA)

**Country:** Bahrain

**Occupation:** Former vice-president of the Bahrain Teacher’s Association (BTA).

**Detained Since:** April 6, 2011

**Charges:** “Inciting hatred towards the regime,” “calling to overthrow and change the regime by force,” “calling on parents not to send their children to school,” and “calling on teachers to stop working and participate in strikes and demonstrations.”

**Sentence:** 10 years imprisonment, which was later reduced to five years by an appeals court.

**Additional:** Dheeb was arrested with several other board members after the BTA called for strikes during the spring 2011 protests. Dheeb has faced torture and abuse while in prison.



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