



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Senator Blumenthal:

Thank you for your March 30 letter regarding your concerns for U.S. citizen Tagi al-Maidan, who is currently imprisoned in Bahrain.

The safety and welfare of U.S. citizens overseas is one of the highest priorities of the Department of State. Throughout Mr. al-Maidan's detention since October 7, 2012, we have remained actively engaged with his case. The U.S. Embassy in Manama continues to provide all possible consular services to Mr. al-Maidan and remains in regular contact with him and his family. Since his imprisonment, consular staff have visited him seven times, the most recent visit being March 19, 2015.

We have raised his case at the highest levels within the Government of Bahrain and continue to consult with officials of the Government of Bahrain regarding Mr. al-Maidan's safety and welfare, his treatment in prison including his medical and nutritional needs, and the Bahraini court system's judicial proceedings. We are aware of the report published by the UN Human Rights Council Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and share many of its concerns related to Mr. al-Maidan's detention.

Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Neil in the Bureau of Consular Affairs' Office of Overseas Citizens Services at (202) 485-6184 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Richard Blumenthal,
United States Senate.