

Detainee Hisham al-Sabagh on Hunger Strike for a Week

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Detained political activist Hisham al-Sabagh started a hunger strike last week in protest of authorities denying him his medication.

Human right activist Ebtisam al-Saegh reported that Hisham al-Sabagh, member of the unlicensed Al Amal Political Society, went on a hunger strike on 17 January 2016, “protesting not being given his medicine, due to lack of the prison’s budget to provide detainees with medicine.”

The authorities took Hisham to the prison clinic on 23 January 2016, due to low hemoglobin and imbalance. The authorities continue to deny Hisham his medicine.

Al-Sabagh demanded his right to medical treatment and is holding the prison administration “responsible for any negative effects of his hunger strike.”

The denial of medicine and medical care is a well-documented form of reprisal carried out by Bahraini prison authorities against political prisoners.

Bahrain’s prisons are full of numerous cases in which ill prisoners’ medical condition deteriorates as a result of the prison authorities’ decision to deny prisoners their right to medical treatment.