



## **NHRC Statement no. 05/ 2018**

**on**

**The arrest and arbitrary detention of the Qatari citizen,**

**Nawaf Talal Al - Rasheed**

**by the Saudi authorities**

Qatar National Human Rights Committee has received a complaint from the family of the Qatari citizen Nawaf Talal Rasheed, stating that he has been arrested by the Saudi authorities without any charges made against him, and expressing their deep concern at the lack of knowledge of his place of detention, enforced disappearance and the denial of contact with them and his lawyer. According to the complaint, the last communication received from him was the day before yesterday when he was in Kuwait.

The National Human Rights Committee confirms that the detention of the Qatari citizen Nawaf Talal Rasheed is a continuation of the human rights violations committed by the Saudi authorities against some of the citizens of Qatar, and the series of fabrication of lies and unfounded arguments for the arbitrary arrests, in violation of all international human rights treaties, instruments and norms.

Accordingly, Qatar National Human Rights Committee calls upon all international human rights bodies and organizations and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to promptly intervene to release the aforesaid citizen, and calls upon the Saudi authorities to disclose his legal status and to immediately allow him to communicate with his family and lawyer in Doha.

The NHRC also calls on the Saudi authorities to ensure that he is not subjected to torture or other ill-treatment, and holds the Saudi authorities fully responsible for his security and safety.

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