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Your Excellency,

I am writing you to express my concern about Qatari brothers Hazza and Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri, both lawyers belonging to the Al Murra tribe, who have been detained in solitary confinement since their arrest over seven months ago.

In early August 2021, members of tribes, mainly the al-Murra tribe, protested against their exclusion from the Shura Council elections. Hazza al-Marri took part in the protests, and on 8 August 2021 he tweeted a video-recorded message addressed to the Emir criticizing the law. On 10 August 2021 Hazza al-Marri was arrested at his home. His brother Rashed al-Marri was detained as well for being the legal representative of Hazza al-Marri.

I urge the Qatari authorities to immediately release Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri and Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri unless they are promptly charged with a recognizable criminal offence, in accordance with international law and standards. Pending their release, they must have immediate access to lawyers of their choice and any medical attention they may require.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,