

YEMEN: Six prominent Baha'is released

– BIC (31.07.2020) – www.bic.org/brussels – Six prominent Baha'is imprisoned by the Houthi authorities in Sana'a have today been released, the Baha'i International Community can confirm.

Following these releases, the Baha'i International Community calls for the lifting of all charges against these six individuals and the other Baha'is charged, the return of their assets and properties, and, most importantly, the safeguarding of the rights of all Baha'is in Yemen to live according to their beliefs without risk of persecution.

"We welcome the releases today yet remain gravely concerned," said Diane Ala'i, Representative of the Baha'i International Community. "As Yemen's search for durable, societal peace continues, Baha'is must be able—like all Yemenis—to practice their faith safely and freely, in keeping with the universal principles of freedom of religion or belief. This is not possible until the charges are lifted."

"The Baha'i International Community expresses its gratitude to the UN Special Envoy for Yemen as well as the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. We also thank those governments and non-governmental organizations that have provided their support throughout this process."

The six Baha'is—Mr. Hamed bin Haydara, Mr. Waleed Ayyash, Mr. Akram Ayyash, Mr. Kayvan Ghaderi, Mr. Badiullah Sanai, and Mr. Wael al-Arieghie—were wrongfully imprisoned in Sana'a for several years on the basis of their beliefs and made to face a series of baseless charges.

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