

To whom it may concern,

I, the undersigned, Abdulhadi Abdulla Alkhawaja, detained since 9/4/2011 in the crackdown following events of February 14th, send this letter regarding my health situation.

Due to the severe beating I received upon my arrest by security forces on the 9th of April I had to undergo surgeries in the Military Hospital (BDF). In which I had to have stitches for two wounds above my left eye and I had to have surgery for four fractures in my cheek bone and jaw on the left side of my face.

And now, 2 months and 10 days after the surgeries:

- 1- The wounds above my eye that were stitched have not healed yet, they are swollen and painful
- 2- I still cannot use my jaw and mouth in a normal manner
- 3- The numbness in my face continues and the pain that resulted from my operation remains the same in the left side of my face (specifically in the cheek, mouth, lips & chin)

As a result, since the operation I have not been able to chew my food, or clean my teeth and I am constantly on painkillers.

The consultant doctor (who performed the surgery) visited me (thankful to him for that) more than once in prison, the last visit was about a month ago. About three weeks ago an x-ray machine was brought to prison, and an x-ray was taken of the location of the surgery. But since then I have not been told of the result of those x-rays.

My current situation has not improved whatsoever. I have followed up on the issue with the prison administration, the emergency state court and the military prosecution with no result until this day.

I request that my family are given access to my medical files related to the surgery

and the x-rays, so that my case is presented to another surgeon for a second opinion, because of lack of healing and to get medical advice on how to proceed. Please take all the necessary action, and respond as soon as possible.

With all my appreciation and gratitude,

Abdulhadi Alkhawaja

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Gurain Prison

(This letter is a translation, original and signed version is in Arabic)