

**A Statement from the Family of Abdullah Ibhais, the prisoner of Qatar
FIFA World Cup 2022:**

**After 9 months of unexplained freezing: a surprise hearing for
Abdullah's Case WAS HELD in the Qatari Court of Cassation in the
absence of Abdullah and his lawyer**

A Surprise hearing following 9 months of un-explained freezing:

- On Monday the 7th of November, **the Qatari Court of Cassation held a Surprise hearing on Abdullah's Ibhais case.** No advance notice of the hearing was posted on the system -which we and Abdullah's Lawyer check regularly- and no written or verbal notification of any kind did reach us, despite the fact that **the appeal was filed on the 13th of February 2022.** A notification appeared on the system only two days AFTER the hearing.
- **The hearing was held in the absence of Abdullah, the defendant, and his lawyer, and any body or entity that represents him.**
- This is a continuation of prior proceedings, during which Abdullah was denied a lawyer during interrogation, denied access to case information for one whole year before sending the case to court, and his lawyer denied the right to present defense in preliminary court. Further, Abdullah's defense went unheard by the Judge of Appeal who ruled against Abdullah in less than one minute.
- **Based on that, we the family of Abdullah Ibhais, declare our complete DISTRUST in the Qatari Judicial System. These courts –to our experience- have been no more than Kangaroo Courts, which conduct show trials lacking the minimum requirement of justice.**

**Abdullah's Detention Conditions are deteriorating and directly linked
to silence on his case:**

- Abdullah was banned from a scheduled private visit from his wife on 2-Nov-2022; and was put into solitary confinement, based on the

prison administration claims that he was going to "smuggle" a letter to HIS WIFE!

- She was told further that "security restrictions" will be put on Abdullah; all calls and window visits will be monitored and recorded. She was threatened that a complete ban on calls and visits will be forced on Abdullah if news about his conditions reach media.
- Yesterday, Sunday 13-11-2022, she was banned again from "window visits". Based on these developments, **the Qatari Authorities and FIFA bear the full responsibilities of his safety, and the safety of his kids and wife in Doha.**
- **All court proceedings and prison administration restrictions prove that their only concern is to SILENCE ABDULLAH during the World Cup** at every possible cost, and punish him for his refusal to cover up migrant workers harsh conditions that led to their strike on the 4th of August 2019.
- We call upon human rights organizations, activists, journalists, and everybody heading to Qatar or concerned about the World Cup 2022 to **demand Justice for Abdullah**, as he is indeed the prisoner of Qatar FIFA World Cup 2022.

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