



## **Rights Realization Centre**

*Registered: 24 May 2018; charity registration number: 1178519*

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the periods:**

**1 January - 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022 (15 March 2023)**

## **1 - Overview**

The trustees apologise to the Charity Commission for the late submission of this report. As a purely voluntary initiative, currently without funding, it has been challenging to bring trustees together to conclude this short report.

This report covers 1 January - 31 December 2021 and, in the same report, 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.

The governing document for the RRC, which is a CIO, is its "constitution", accessible at (SORP Para 1.25): [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vOe8QkiMNzZRuCi3OcI\\_wdGiGo-blicMhyNoUUF4AsI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vOe8QkiMNzZRuCi3OcI_wdGiGo-blicMhyNoUUF4AsI/edit?usp=sharing)

The trustees continued to engage with partners on a voluntary basis, seeking to fulfil the organisation's mission of awareness-raising by contributing to publications about the human rights situation in specific Middle Eastern countries.

As indicated in the Charity Commission's online questions relating to finances, the Rights Realisation Centre (RRC) did not make or spend; solicit or receive any funding in 2021 or 2022. We do not have volunteers as we, ourselves, carry out this work - at the moment - voluntarily.

## **2 - Objectives and Activities**

The RRC's charitable objects (from Charity Commission website)

To promote human rights (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) throughout the world in particular but not exclusively in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa regions, by any of the following means:

- Research into human rights issues;
- Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters;
- Promoting public support for human rights;
- Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations; and
- International advocacy of Human Rights

### 3 - Outputs in 2021 and 2022

The following, chronological, list of joint outputs set out the ways in which the RRC has sought to advance the core themes of its purpose:

#### 2021

1 - When and what - **10.05.21** - Scholars at Risk [joint statement]: Decline Sheikh Zayed Book Award in light of human rights violations in the UAE, **with 25 organisations**

At:

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/2021/05/decline-sheikh-zayed-book-award-in-light-of-human-rights-violations-in-the-uae/>

2 - When and what - **04.02.21** - *Seminar Chaired by Chairperson but acting in joint capacity with Salam DHR* - Press Release: Launching a report titled: "Decade of Oppression: Authoritarianism in Bahrain; 2011-2021"

At:

<https://salam-dhr.org/press-release-launching-a-report-titled-decade-of-oppression-authoritarianism-in-bahrain-2011-2021/>

3 - When and what - **26.07.21** - [statement] - OMCT - Belarus: Global letter in solidarity with the Belarusian civil society, with **160 other NGOs**

At:

<https://www.omct.org/en/resources/statements/belarus-global-letter-in-solidarity-with-the-belarusian-civil-society>

4 - When and what: **29.10.21** - Sudan: The UN Human Rights Council should act urgently and hold a special session, with **35 other partners**

At:

<https://reliefweb.int/report/sudan/sudan-un-human-rights-council-should-act-urgently-and-hold-special-session>

5 - When and what - **10.11.21** - *Mention of Chairperson in the press*: Iran Wire - The Names of All 133 Officials Accused of November 2019 Crimes

At: <https://iranwire.com/en/features/70742/>

#### 2022

1 - When and what - **24.01.22** - [joint open appeal] Joint-Statement: The Death Penalty against Bahraini Citizens in Saudi Arabia is Arbitrary and a Violation of the Application of Local Law, with 10 partners<sup>1</sup>

At: <https://bfhr.org/english/article.php?id=1020&cid=148> (amongst others); in Arabic:

<http://bahrainmirror.com/news/60938.html>

2 - When and what - **14.02.22** - [open, joint letter coordinated by ISHR] Open Letter to Members of the UN's General Assembly Regarding the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs - *huge number of partners!*

At:

<https://ishr.ch/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Open-Letter-to-Members-of-the-UNs-General-Assembly-Regarding-the-ECOSOC-Committee-on-NGOs-English.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> These were: ALQST for Human Rights, Bahrain Forum for Human Rights, Coalition Tunisienne Contre la Peine de Mort, Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, Human Rights SENTINEL, International CURE, lifespark – movement against the death penalty, Ligue Française des droits de l'Homme, Salam for Democracy and Human Rights and The German Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

3 - When and what - **07.05.22** - Joint Submission to the Human Rights Council at the 41st Session of the Universal Periodic Review on the right to a nationality and human rights challenges pertaining to statelessness in Bahrain - BAHRAIN

At: [https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/country-document/2022-10/IS13\\_UPR41\\_BHR\\_E\\_Main.pdf](https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/country-document/2022-10/IS13_UPR41_BHR_E_Main.pdf) and <https://salam-dhr.org/joint-submission-to-the-human-rights-council-universal-periodic-review/>

With: SALAM for Democracy and Human Rights (SALAM DHR), MENA Statelessness Network (Hawiati), Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights (GCENR), Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) - 4 partners

4 - When and what: **07.05.22**, for November 2022 - (THIS IS A TYPO/ MISTAKE) Human Rights Council - 41st Session; Universal Periodic Review, 4th Cycle - Joint Submission by Rights Realization Centre and Salam for Democracy and Human Rights: Bahrain - Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1 partner)

At: [https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/country-document/2022-10/IS14\\_UPR41\\_BHR\\_E\\_Main.pdf](https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/country-document/2022-10/IS14_UPR41_BHR_E_Main.pdf) also <https://salam-dhr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SALAM-DHR-Bahrain-UPR-ESC-rights.pdf> (actual doc) and landing page:

<https://salam-dhr.org/universal-periodic-review-bahrain-economic-social-and-cultural-rights-joint-submission/>

5 - When and what - **19.05.22** - [joint statement]: Sudan: Ensure continued public debates on the human rights situation, with 53 partners

At: <https://reliefweb.int/report/sudan/sudan-ensure-continued-public-debates-human-rights-situation> and <https://www.hrw.org/news/2022/06/01/sudan-ensure-continued-public-debates-human-rights-situation> and in French: <https://www.amnesty.org/fr/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/05/AFR5456312022FRENCH.pdf>

6 - When and what: **24.10.22** - Salam for Democracy and Human Rights and Rights Realization Centre - Joint Submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) - Bahrain: Combined eighth to fourteenth periodic reports

At: [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCERD%2FNGO%2FBHR%2F50600&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCERD%2FNGO%2FBHR%2F50600&Lang=en) and <https://salam-dhr.org/joint-submission-to-the-committee-on-the-elimination-of-racial-discrimination-cerd-bahrain-combined-eighth-to-fourteenth-periodic-reports/>

7 - When and what - **01.11.22** - [open joint letter, overseen by BIRD] Pope Francis Should Condemn Bahrain Rights Record

At: <https://birdbh.org/2022/11/pope-francis-should-condemn-bahrain-rights-record/> and ...

8 - When and what - **19.12.22** - [open, joint letter] #FreeSherifOsman: UAE must not extradite political commentator to Egypt, where he would face torture, *with 20 partners*

At: <https://fairsq.org/2022/12/19/uae-must-not-extradite-political-commentator-to-egypt-where-he-would-face-torture/> and <https://www.accessnow.org/press-release/free-sherif-osman/>

#### 4 - Structure, Governance and Management

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Drewery Dyke	Chairperson	May 2018 - present	Trustees
2	Dr. Abdel Mitaal Girshab		As above	

3	Ms. Nadia Shehadeh		As above	
4	Mr. Robert Bain		As above	

#### Declarations:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s) - Drewery Dyke [signed via computer]

Full name(s) Drewery Dyke

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chairperson

Date - 23 March 2023 (for the 2021 and 2022 report, in one document)