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YEMEN

FOUR ARBITRARILY DETAINED BAHÁ'IS RELEASED IN YEMEN

In August 2024, the Huthi authorities in Yemen released four Baha'i individuals who had been detained for over a year. The released individuals are Abdul'elah Muhammad al-Boni, Hassan Tariq Thabet al-Zakari, Muhammad Bashir Abdel Jalil, and Ibrahim Ahmad Jo'eil. They had been held at a Huthi-run security and intelligence center in Sana'a. The Huthi armed forces arrested them, along with 13 other Baha'is, on May 25, 2023. For about four months, they were subjected to enforced disappearance. Throughout their detention, they were held without charges and denied access to legal counsel.

NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.

In August 2024, Abdul'elah Muhammad al-Boni, Hassan Tariq Thabet al-Zakari, Muhammad Bashir Abdel Jalil, and Ibrahim Ahmad Jo'eil were released after spending over a year in arbitrary detention by Huthi authorities in Sana'a, Yemen.

On May 25, 2023, Huthi armed forces raided a peaceful gathering of Baha'is, a religious minority, at a private residence in Sana'a. They detained 17 individuals, including five women, and forcibly disappeared them for about four months. Their families later discovered they were being held at Huthi-run security and intelligence centers in Sana'a. Between June 2023 and June 2024, 13 detainees, including all five women, were released under international pressure. The last four were freed in August 2024.

However, some of those released were forced to sign pledges denouncing their religion or agreeing to refrain from Baha'i activities, violating their right to freedom of religion and belief.