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The Advisory Center for Rights and Freedom presents its best regards to Mr. Dominik Stillhart, Director of Protection and Operations Department at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva.

The Advisory Center for Rights and Freedoms is submitting to your esteemed committee an urgent notification about the kidnapping and forced disappearance of Mr. Mohamed Ahmed Hussein Al-Faidi after he was released on January 11th, as part of a list of prisoners who had been exchanged between the Yemeni government and the Southern Transitional Council, in implementation of the provisions of the Riyadh Agreement, and against the background of the last August events in the southern Shabwa governorate.

His brother and colleagues mentioned that he was kidnapped by the special forces of the authorities of the Yemeni government during his transfer and the rest of his colleagues from the central prison of the city of Ataq, the capital of Shabwa governorate to Marib governorate, in preparation for their release, but when the group reached their destination and their eyes uncovered they were surprised by the absence of their colleague Mohamed Al Faidi. All the group is sure that the government special forces kidnapped him and took him to an unknown destination, which puts his life in danger.

The Advisory Center for Rights and Freedoms considers that what the Special Forces did supported by the Yemeni government is a violation of the prisoner exchange agreement, while at the same time this act is a crime that contradicts international humanitarian law, and in particular the Third Geneva Convention of 1949.

The Advisory Center for Rights and Freedoms calls on the International Committee of the Red Cross, in its quality of the defender of international humanitarian law, to give the issue of the disappearance of the prisoner Mohamed Ahmed Al-Faidi the necessary importance, and to communicate with the Yemeni government to reveal the truth about his fate and secure his life and release him without delay.

The Advisory center also requests the International Committee of the Red Cross - as a neutral international party - to supervise his release and receive him personally from the hands of the kidnappers, while the victim, Muhammad Ahmad Al-Faidi, retains all his legal rights to prosecute his kidnappers and any person behind this act which is contrary to the international humanitarian law.



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The Advisory Center for Rights and Freedoms takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation and respect to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

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- International humanitarian organizations.