

In solidarity with Jalila Al-Salman and Mahdi Abu Deeb,

We, members of the Education International Arab Women Network, in our meeting held in Beirut on May 29, 2013, we deplore and strongly condemn the violations against women and men unionists, the suppression of freedom of association in the Arab world in general, and what is happening in Bahrain and Egypt in particular, and we declare our support to the Bahraini teachers Association (BTA), and its President Mahdi Abu Dheeb, who is still unjustly detained since 2011 for no specific crime but simply defending the Bahraini teachers, as well as Jalila Al-Salman, the acting President of BTA who's standing on trial with her Bahraini colleagues.

We also denounce what is happening to our trade unionists colleagues in Egypt, after the "Freedom and Dignity" revolution, and the continued harassment against unions and unionists, of whom Bahia Yassin and Abdellatif Mahmoud, who are on trial court.

We call to guarantee the freedom and dignity of women in general, and particularly of women teachers, and to explicitly state these rights in the new constitution.

Together for the dignity of teachers and unionist worldwide.

The Education International Arab Women Network