

On charges of apostasy.... .the arrest of a citizen and his detention in Taiz Criminal Investigation Prison.

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The citizen Bashir Al-Bakari is still in the Criminal Investigation Prison in Taiz Governorate, since his was arrest three weeks ago by the Security Department of Jabal Habashi. He was charged with apostasy from Islam and preaching Christianity.

Private sources told “Al-Mowaten” website that the citizen Bashir Al-Bakari has been detained in the criminal investigation department (CID) since three weeks, indicating that the background for his arrest was his conversion to Christianity.

The sources pointed out that Bashir went to the Jabal Habashi’s Security Department to follow up on a land issue over which there is a dispute between him and others, and there he was arrested and charged with apostasy and preaching Christianity before he was transferred to the criminal investigation in Taiz.

Bashir’s brother, Zakaria Al-Bakari, said in a post on his “Facebook” page that his brother is being held in the Criminal Investigation Department in Taiz accused of being a Christian and runs a missionary network and receives huge sums of money from abroad.

Zakaria pointed out that the criminal investigation department (CID) did not allow him to visit his brother, adding, "Even as a soldier working in the security department, they prevented me from visiting him."

And he stressed: "I know with certainty that all these charges are false. Is it possible that a simple person who receives huge sums of money struggles so much to provide a living for his five children and continues to live with them in one room ??."

Zakaria explained that his brother suffers from very poor health conditions, calling on Brigadier General Mansour Al-Akhali, Director General of Taiz Police, to consider a fair and equitable review of his brother's case and his health condition, which is deteriorating day by day.



In reaction to this, a number of activists on the social media expressed their condemnation of the arrest of Bashir Al-Bakari on false charges. They also indicated that political fanaticism and extremist forces that have come to control the security and military authorities in Taiz are behind these false accusations.

The activists warned against any harm to Bashir Al-Bakari's life, calling on local and international human rights organizations to quickly move to provide protection for Bashir and release him from his detention, as the accusation directed against him in light of the current situation puts his life in danger.

Reference:

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