The family of 2 detained brothers demand providing them medical care


The family of Ali and Husain Mansoor al-Qassab holds the authorities responsible for any complications in their son’s condition stemming from the Jau prison administration’s medical negligence.

The family said, "Ali, born in 1994, suffers complications from severe sickle cell disease. He was sentenced to 3 years imprisonment in a political case which includes his brother Husain. They face several charges, including criminal arson and possessing Molotov cocktails."

The family added that the prison’s officials are preventing them from visiting Ali, who has been at the Salamiya hospital for approximately 2 weeks.

The family stated, "We contacted the officials, requesting their permission to visit our son who has sickle cell disease, but to no avail. There are no convincing legal reasons, and it is our constitutional right to visit him."

They explained that "Ali previously suffered a stroke brought on by the negligence of his doctor and of the prison administration. Also, they transferred him to the hospital without informing us, and they are preventing us from visiting him. This increases our concern, especially since he had surgery before his arrest. The prison administration should give him the care he needs."

As for his brother Husain, the family stated, "he suffers from severe rheumatism, and he is not receiving adequate medical treatment or care. Also, the prison administration deliberately neglects to transport him to his scheduled appointments at the Salamiya hospital. He has not been taken for treatment or for any follow up appointments."

The family said that "Husain has suffered severe joint pain and visual impairment without receiving treatment or being allowed to see his doctor. They didn’t even permit us to give him his medicine."

They added, "We told his doctor about his current condition, and he recommended that we get him to the hospital so that they could check his symptoms. We contacted the judge to order the authorities to allow that, and he accepted; however, the officials are not responding, despite the judge's approval."