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Dear Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar,

**On 13 January 2024, the Internal Security Agency (ISA), a security agency allied with the Libyan Arab Armed Forces (LAAF), which you command, arrested 42-year-old activist and blogger Maryam Mansour al-Warfalli at ISA’s Sabha office in southern Libya, after she was called in for questioning**. The arrest occurred shortly after she criticized the LAAF’s supervision of the distribution of cooking gas in southern Libya on Facebook. Maryam Mansour Al-Warfalli, known as «Nakhla Fezzan», has been a vocal critic of the authorities’ corruption and mismanagement in southern Libya for years.

The ISA arrested Maryam Mansour Al-Warfalli without a warrant issued by a competent judicial authority and has been detaining her in the ISA headquarters in Benghazi for almost eight months without charge.

On 2 May 2024, the prison authorities referred her to a psychiatrist, who requested that she be admitted to Benghazi Hospital. After five days at the hospital, the ISA returned her to detention at their headquarters in Benghazi without medical approval from the doctor. Throughout the duration of her detention, she has not been allowed any prison visits, putting a severe strain on her mental health. Her family has obtained information about her via phone calls two times, before and after the Adha Holiday. Her mother is currently in critical condition after a car accident two days after her daughter’s detention.

**I urge LAAF to immediately ensure the release of Maryam Mansour al-Warfalli. In the meantime, the prison authorities must allow Maryam Mansour Al-Warfalli to contact her family and ensure that she has access to a lawyer and to adequate medical care. The LAAF and other armed groups under its command must end their repressive campaign against their critics and opponents, including politicians, activists, poets and bloggers, and release all those arbitrarily detained.**

Yours sincerely,

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