

Minister of Human Rights in Yemen on hunger strike in solidarity with the detainees

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Hooriyah Mashhour, Minister of Human Rights in Yemen announced that she will be on hunger strike until her demands are met by releasing the young people detained without trial since the popular uprising in 2011. {jcomments on}Sanaa - Minister of Human Rights in Yemen, Hooriyah Mashhour began on Sunday a hunger strike aiming to put pressure on the authorities to release 60 activists, detained without trial since the popular uprising in 2011.

The minister said that she will participate in the sit-in organized by 20 activists who were detained in the central prison in Sana'a, "I am on a hunger strike and will not stop until the release of the revolution detainees." She said.

There are 58 young men detained in Yemeni prisons for participating in the popular uprising that led to the fall of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh in February 2012. The fate of 17 others, are not yet clear according to Yemeni Human rights organization, Hood.

20 of the detainees started a hunger strike on May 24th following a promise by Yemeni President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi to release them at the beginning of the year, but his promise was not implemented.

It has been reported that some of the 58 detainees were suspected to be involved in a targeted attack, in June 2011, at the presidential palace that killed 11 guards of the former president.