



His Excellency Abdulrahman Ghanem Almutaiwee
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Your excellency,

I am writing to express my grave concerns at reports my organisation has received from British nationals living in the United Arab Emirates regarding their ability to access our website at <http://www.bigbrotherwatch.org.uk>.

In the past few days, we have received information that, when attempting to access the website on Etisalat connections, users have been notified that the website is "down" or that a "fault exists" with our server.

After extensive tests indicated that no such problems exist with our server, we were able to ascertain that a block has been placed on the internet protocol address associated with our website (IP 2.49.47.133 (No Access) Dubai UAE).

I would ask, in the spirit of friendship, openness and cooperation that you urge Etisalat and the Government of the United Arab Emirates to immediately restore the ability of people living in your country to access our website.

It would be a great shame if the excellent reputation of the United Arab Emirates as a place in which people can enjoy freedoms comparable to those in the United Kingdom was to be adversely affected by this form of state censorship.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

With every good wish,

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