

## Weekly Report – 4 to 10 May

### Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 51 individuals, including two children. 12 of the arrested were later released.

### Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeal courts altered, upheld convictions and sentenced one individual to 3 years in prison and postponed the trials of 93 individuals.

The Court of Appeal [postponed](#) the trial of the human rights defender Nabeel Rajab to 14 May 2015. Rajab was sentenced to 6 months in prison and BHD200 bail for insulting the Ministries of Interior and Defense on Twitter.

The high criminal court [sentenced](#) the human rights activist Ghada Jamsheer to 3 years imprisonment without executing the sentence. Jamsheer was convicted with beating two policewomen. She was previously sentenced to one year in prison in another case. Jamsheer is awaiting verdicts in other cases.

The Court of Appeal [postponed](#) the trial of AlWefaq Society to 1 June 2015. In 2014, the Ministry of Justice filed a lawsuit to close AlWefaq Society.

A Bahraini court [postponed](#) the case of the lawyer Taimoor Karimi, whose citizenship was revoked in 2012. In 2014, the court ordered the deportation of Karimi and 9 others.

The lower criminal court [postponed](#) the case of the human rights activist Husain Jawad to 12 May 2015. Jawad told the court in a previous hearing that he was forced to confess under torture, which included threats of rape, deprivation of sleep, and handcuffed behind the back.

### Protests:

Dozens of protests and sit-ins took place in different areas of Bahrain. Security forces reportedly used excessive force in assaulting several.



More than 100 migrant workers staged a strike, [protesting](#) not being paid their salaries for months by the company they work for.



[Protests in numerous areas in Bahrain](#)

### **Collective Punishment/ Use of force:**

Security forces continue the use of force and excessive use of tear gas in residential areas and in suppressing peaceful protests. Several shotgun injuries were reported. Also, many houses were unlawfully raided which terrorized children, the elderly, and women.



[Shotgun injury](#)



[Security forces raiding houses in Sitra](#)

### **Detainees:**

Reports on the [ill-treatment and torture](#) of Jau prison detainees are ongoing. The authorities recently [released](#) nurse Ebrahim al-Demistani after he served his three years imprisonment sentence. Al-Demistani said that the condition of Jau prison can be considered a human rights crisis. He added that prisoners were kept outside the buildings for four days without a

mattress and under the hot sun until their skin color noticeably changed. Afterwards, 245 prisoners were forced to stay in tents that can only accommodate 100 people. A large number were injured and were extremely exhausted. Prisoners were also subjected to psychological and physical harm at the hands of police and their possessions were vandalized. Also, forces prevented prisoners from showering and going to the toilets.

The head of the dissolved Bahraini Nursing Society, Ebrahim al-Demestani, [underwent](#) a knee surgery shortly after his release. He said that his injury is a result of ill-treatment at Jau prison. Al-Demestani was injured when security forces forced prisoners to sing the national anthem while running in a circle. He fell and injured his knee but wasn't treated. His injury worsened and he requested to be taken to the hospital several times, but not only were his requests rejected, a Jordanian official kicked him in his injured knee. He was only taken to the hospital when he suffered a fever and was given antibiotics and an injection but wasn't given all his medication.

### **Others:**

Bahrain's National Human Rights Institute [reiterated](#) its condemnation over the MOI publishing of defendants' photos. It added that the MOI has published more photos on its Twitter account and some local newspapers with names and photos of citizens accusing the MOI of committing crimes. This is not the first time the NHRI condemned this act.

The MOI's Special Investigation Unit [stated](#) that it received 28 complaints during April, 18 torture complaints, 9 ill-treatment complaints, and a use of excessive force complaint.