

Weekly Report – 6 to 12 July

Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 16 individuals, including 4 children and 1 woman.

Security forces arrested Ghadir al-Abbar when she was visiting her husband, the political prisoner Sadeq al-Mahal, at Salmaniya Hospital.



Leaked pictures from the hospital for detainee Sadeq al-Mahal

Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeals courts altered previously upheld convictions and sentenced 6 individual to 32 years in prison and postponed the trials of 42 individuals. Moreover, 6 individuals were remanded to more than 120 days.

On 2 July 2015, Majeed Milad, who is a member in Al Wefaq's Secretariat Council, was [summoned](#) and interrogated over charges of incitement of hatred and non-compliance to the law. The public prosecution [extended](#) his pretrial detention for an additional 15 days and referred him to court. His trial began on 13 July 2015.

The political activist, Ebrahim Sharif, was [re-arrested](#) from his house. He was taken to Muharraq police station and then Hala'a police station where he was held for 48 hours pending investigation. The authorities stated that Sharif [violated](#) the law by inciting hatred against and insulting the regime during a speech he delivered at an event. Sharif was released three weeks ago after serving four out of five years of his sentence.

Bahraini authorities arrested, detained, and [interrogated](#) seven individuals for posts on the social media website Twitter that were [deemed](#) offensive and insulting to members of parliament after those members reported them to the authorities.

Protests:

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



[A peaceful protest in Musala](#)



[A protest in Sitra being tear gassed by security forces](#)

Collective Punishment/ Use of Force:

Security forces continued with the use of force and excessive tear gas in residential areas and while suppressing peaceful protests.



[Protests in Sitra suppressed by security forces](#)

Detainees:

Mustafa Mohammed Ali Ismail has recently [graduated](#) from high school with a score of 98.99%. He aspires to study medicine and become a doctor. However, Mustafa was arrested more than a year ago on his way back home and detained for three weeks. He was released on bail but his sentence of three months in prison was upheld. He [handed](#) himself in to the authorities after he graduated from high school to serve the three remaining months of his

sentence before the start of the university academic year. Mustafa is the son of Mohammed Radhi who was sentenced to 15 years in prison and is one of the Bahrain 13 group leaders.



Mustafa on his graduation day

Others:

The head of the Special Investigation Unit [stated](#) that the Unit received 36 complaints in June, including ill-treatment, torture, and excessive use of force. He added that seven policemen were referred to court in three different cases based on the Unit's investigations.

Jasim al-Saeedi, the former parliament member and religious cleric, was [prevented](#) from delivering Friday prayers' speeches last month by the Ministry of Justice. However, the Minister of Justice ordered an end to this preventative measure. Al-Saeedi is known to be an extreme Sunni cleric who promotes hatred towards Shia in his weekly speeches as well as on his private Twitter account. Despite this he was never held accountable.

Bahrain Daily News [reported](#) that the Government of Bahrain is studying the allocation of additional budget for security forces. The acting president of the foreign affair and defense committee in the parliament said that there are additional expenses including recruitment of policemen, payment of overtime allowances, and buying more weapons and equipment.