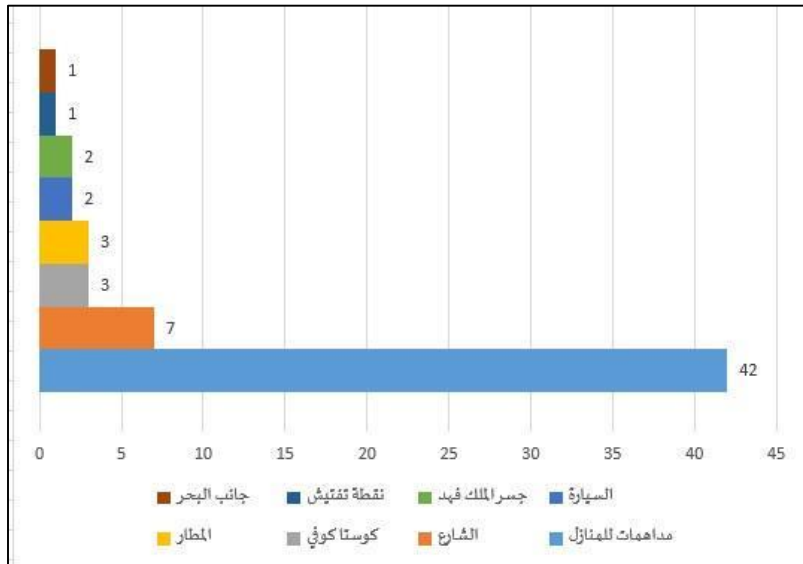


Weekly Report – 24 to 30 August

Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 61 individuals, including eight children. 19 were later released. BCHR stated that the majority of arrests were through house raids.



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Last week, the authorities announced two explosions in Muharraq and Karranah. The explosion in Karranah allegedly resulted in the death of a policeman and injured some civilians. Security forces [launched](#) mass arrest campaigns in the two areas. It was reported that at least 6 were arrested from Muharraq and at least 22 from Karranah after several days of house raids. The authorities also [arrested](#) three photojournalists from the area who were in a nearby coffee shop at the time of the explosion. The explosions were widely criticized with demands for independent investigations.

Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeal courts altered sentences, upheld convictions, and sentenced nine individuals to 29 years in prison, and postponed the trials of 73 individuals.

The High Criminal Court [decided](#) to postpone the trial of the opposition political figure and former Secretary General of Wa'ad, Ebrahim Sharif, to 12 October 2015. Ebrahim stated in court that the public prosecutor who investigated his case has personal issues with him over his release, which came just a few weeks before his recent arrest. Sharif is accused of promoting change of political system and inciting hatred against the regime.

Sheikh Hasan Isa of al-Wefaq, who is a former Member of Parliament, was interrogated without the presence of his lawyer. His lawyer [stated](#) that preventing his client from meeting him for more than a week after his arrest is a violation of his rights. Hasan's lawyer also [questioned](#) the provision of due process to his client. The public prosecution [issued](#) a statement that Hasan is accused of funding crimes in relation to the recent Sitra explosion. The prosecution added that Hasan did not request a lawyer during interrogation.

The court [postponed](#) the trial of the female prisoner Sadeqa al-Basri to 16 September 2015. Sadeqa is being tried on charges of attacking two policewomen, for which the preliminary court sentenced her to three years in prison. Her lawyer said at court that his client is innocent.

Protests:

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



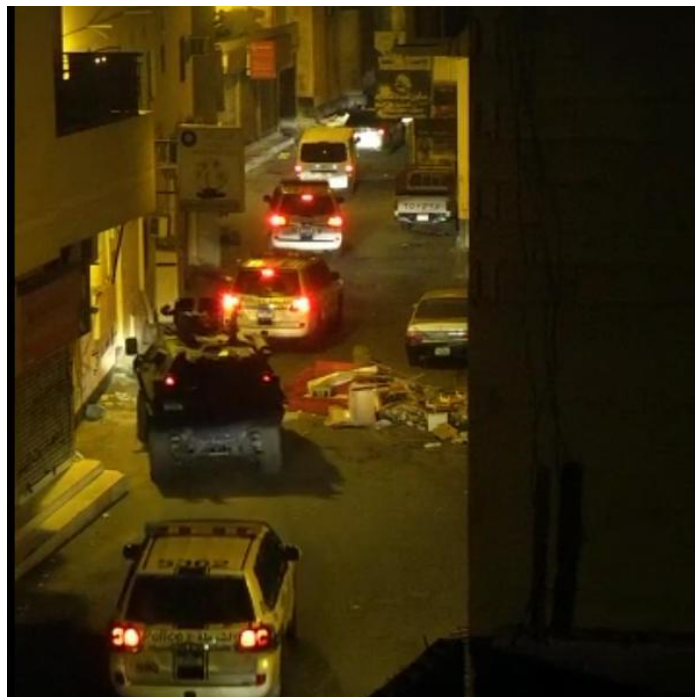
[Salmabad](#)

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 protest.



[Sitra](#)



[Arbitrary house raids and arrests in Karranah](#)

Others:

The education team of al-Wefaq Society [stated](#) that 2015 saw the highest sectarian distribution rate of scholarships since 2011. The team conducted a study of students with grades ranging from 95% to 99%. The study indicated that 34% of those students were deprived of scholarships and 82% were deprived of their first choice. Moreover, the team found no information about at least 228 medicine scholarships, one of the most demanded scholarship types in this grade group.