

Weekly Report – 31 to 6 September

Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 22 individuals including two children.

The Ministry of Interior [announced](#) the arrest of the person using the Twitter handle @bukhamis for posting tweets deemed insulting to the Bahraini soldiers killed in a military operation in Yemen.

Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeal courts altered or upheld convictions, and sentenced six individuals to 60 years in prison and postponed the trials of 42 individuals.

The Court of Appeals [postponed](#) the trial of al-Wefaq Political Society to 20 September for ruling. The Minister of Justice filed a lawsuit against the society in 2014 upon which the court order the suspension of al-Wefaq for three months.

The high criminal court [postponed](#) the trial of four policemen accused of torturing detainees to force them to confess and included two addition policemen as defendant to the case. The next hearing in the case will be held on 5 October 2015. In another case, the high criminal court [acquitted](#) five policemen of torturing detainees to force his confession.

Protests:

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



[Abu Saiba](#)



[Duraz](#)

Collective Punishment/ Use of force:

Security forces continue the use of force and excessive use of tear gas in residential areas to suppress peaceful protest. Moreover, several injuries caused by shotgun pellets were reported.



[Shotgun pellets injuries in Sitra](#)



[Shotgun injuries in Nuwaidrat](#)

Others:

The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) [stated](#) that it received 21 complaints in August, 20 of the complaints were of alleged torture, 12 ill-treatment complaints, and one complaint of use of excessive force by security forces.

Al-Wefaq's Shura member, Sayed Hashim Salman, [said](#) that official numbers by Labor Market Regulatory showed that in 2015, 296 foreigners were hired and only 4 Bahrainis in position that pays more than BHD1500. He added that studies stated that unemployment rate in Bahrain in 2012 was 8%, 28% were youth. Another study said that the actual unemployment rate is 15%.

Bahrain Center for Human Rights (BCHR) [stated](#) that the Bahraini authorities arrested 10 children in the two weeks preceding the school academic year. BCHR added that at least 230 children are being denied access to education for being detained over politically motivated charges.