

Weekly Report – 7 to 13 September

Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 20 individuals, including one child and one woman.

Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeal courts postponed the trials of 48 individuals. The public prosecution remanded two individuals to 22 days in detention.

The public prosecution [renewed](#) the detention of former MP Sheikh Hasan Isa to 15 days. One of his lawyers stated that he was allowed only 3 minutes with his client after the decision was reached. The defense team's request to meet him was denied. The team submitted complaints to Bahrain's Ombudsman and National Institute for Human Rights, but they have not received any response. Sheikh Isa stated that he denied all charges at the prosecution and was not allowed contact with his family or lawyer in previous sessions. He also said that he was subjected to ill-treatment.

The public prosecution [remanded](#) a Twitter user to seven days in detention pending investigation over charges of disseminating false news during wartime. The prosecution stated that the defendant in the case could face up to ten years in prison if found guilty.

The Court of Appeals [postponed](#) the trial of human rights activist Zainab al-Khawaja to 21 October 2015 for ruling. Zainab is appealing prison sentences of four years and four months on four charges.

The criminal court [postponed](#) the trial of Majeed Milad, a member of al-Wefaq Society, to 29 September 2015. Milad was charged with inciting disobedience of law in a speech.

The trial of ten individuals who are appealing the decision to revoke their citizenship was [postponed](#) to 18 October 2015, awaiting an official copy of the decision of revocation. On 28 October 2014, the court ordered their deportation and a BHD100 fine.

Protests:

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



[Abu Saiba](#)

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. Moreover, several injuries caused by shotgun pellets were reported.



[Karzakan](#)



[Suppression of a peaceful protest in Sitra](#)

Others:

Seven requests to visit Bahrain by UN special procedures have been [submitted](#), but the government hasn't responded to six of them. The Special Rapporteur on Torture is still waiting for his visit to be rescheduled after it was canceled. The requests that the government did not respond to were made by the Special Rapporteur on Migrant Rights, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Association and Assembly, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, the Special Rapporteur on Free Expression, and the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty.

Threatening reprisal against those participating in the Human Rights Council's 30th session, Fawaz Al-Khalifa, former official in the government and member of the ruling family, posted on his Twitter:



“The Kingdom of Bahrain will not allow in any way or under any condition to have its human rights record targeted. It won’t go easy on the absurd attempts to interfere in its internal affairs.”

The Ministry of Interior [announced](#) an explosion that targeted Khamis Police Station in Bilad al-Qadeem but did not result in any casualties. The explosion was condemned by the opposition societies, who denounce the use of violence.