

## ADHRB Weekly Report – 16 to 22 November 2015

### Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 25 individuals and eight were later released.

### Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeal courts altered, upheld convictions, or sentenced 37 individuals to 300 years in prison. 44 individuals had their trials postponed.

The criminal court [postponed](#) the appeal hearing of the former parliament member Khalid Abdula'al to 1 February 2016. Khalid was convicted and sentenced to one year in prison over insulting the Ministry of Interior on Twitter.

The criminal court [postponed](#) the appeal hearing of the human rights activist Zainab al-Khawaja to 2 February 2016. She was sentenced earlier this year to nine months in prison for insulting police and entering a restricted area without permission.

The court [sentenced](#) a social media activist to one year in prison for posting “insulting” remarks on Twitter.

The Special Investigation Unit [ordered](#) the detention of two policemen over accusations of assaulting detainees in prison. The case was referred to the SIU by the prison administration after complaints by the detainees.

The Ministry of Justice [determined](#) that it would not seek indictments for security officials who allegedly tortured France24 journalist Nazeera Saeed, despite medical evidence and witness testimony.

### Protests:

Dozens of protests and sit-ins took place in different areas of Bahrain. Security forces reportedly used excessive force in assaulting several. Security forces continue the use of tear gas and shotgun pellets to suppress peaceful protests.

[Abu Saiba](#)





[Sitra](#)



[Boori](#)

### **Other News:**

Sarah, daughter of Al Wefaq's General-Secretary Sheikh Ali Salman, is now one-year-old and hasn't been [given](#) the Bahraini citizenship because of her father's detention. There are many children who have been deprived of citizenship due to their father's detention.

Husain Hamza Yousif, a detainee in Jau prison, [has](#) severe pain due to being deprived from his medication by the prison's administration. His family said that although he was taken to the hospital and was prescribed medication by the doctor, the prison did not allow him to receive his medication and instead gave him painkillers.

Many Bahrainis suffer from extreme poverty and live in ramshackle houses. A family of eight [lives](#) in a ramshackle house in Samaheej. The father is a handicap and lives with all his children in one room. Another family from Jidhafs [lives](#) in a home that is more than 50 years old, with walls that have begun to fall down. Both families stated that the authorities have listed their houses for renovation but no actions have been taken yet.



Jidhaf's house



Samaheej's house