**Bahraini Court Sentenced Handball National Team Player to Life in Prison and Citizenship Revocation**

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On 31 December 2015, a Bahraini court sentenced Bahrain’s handball national team player, Ahmed Abbas, to life in prison. It also revoked his citizenship.

In another case, in October 2015, Ahmed Abbas was sentenced to 10 years in prison and a fine for allegedly burning the car of a former parliament member.

In March 2015, Ahmed’s mother and sisters were arrested after they staged a sit-in. They were later released.

The authorities most recently arrested Abbas in February 2015. They subjected him to enforced disappearance for approximately a week. After this period, he contacted his family and informed them that he had been transported to Jau Central Prison.

Prior to this arrest, security forces threatened to kill Abbas.

Abbas’ father has since appealed to sports organization to save his son.

A local newspaper [published](http://www.alwasatnews.com/4537/news/read/959638/1.html) a story about his arrest and described his family’s concern for his wellbeing. The family noted that they had received a summons for Ahmed, although he was already in the authorities’ custody at the time.

Ahmed Abbas played for several clubs in the Gulf, including the Etifaq and Al-Ahli clubs in Bahrain.

Many human rights reports stated that dozens of players and athletes remain in prison and some have been handed down harsh sentences.