

Bahrain: Authorities Arrest Bahraini Citizen Layla Abdulnabi

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On 15 December 2015, Bahraini authorities arrested Layla Abdulnabi from Shahrkan.

The court of appeal refused to suspend the sentence against Layla. The court sentenced her to six months in prison in relation to the riots that happened at Jau Prison several months ago. Layla spoke out against the security forces' assault of one of her family members during a visit.

Layla Abdulnabi is the sister of the martyr Ahmed and the mother of the detainee Jameel Abdulghani. She was arrested from court.

Layla is a mother of six, five sons and one daughter, and one of her children is an infant.

Currently, the authorities are detaining several women over charges related to the 2011 uprising, including Taiba Darwish, Sadeqa al-Basri, Jaleela al-Sayed Ameen, Rayhanna al-Mosawi, and Layla al-Qaseer.

Bahraini authorities have been widely targeting women over the last few years. Security forces have launched widespread arrest campaigns which have resulted in the arrest and torture of a large number of women as a "reprisal" for their leadership roles in the uprising since its beginning.