

Weekly Report – 15 to 21 June

Arrests:

Last week, security forces [arrested](#) 22 individuals, including nine children and one woman.

Bahraini authorities released political opposition leader Ebrahim Sharif after he served more than four years of his five-year sentence. Sharif was arrested, tortured, and sentenced by a military court in 2011.



Trials:

Bahraini criminal and appeal courts upheld convictions, and sentenced an individual to three years in prison. They also postponed the trials of 103 individuals.

The court [informed](#) human rights activist Zainab al-Khawaja about the appeals of four of the cases against her from 13 September. Zainab has been accused of insulting the king, insulting a public officer, and tearing up the king's picture.

On 16 June, the criminal court [sentenced](#) Al-Wefaq's Secretary-General Sheikh Ali Salman to four years in prison for inciting hatred, non-compliance to the law, and insulting the Ministry of Interior.

The public prosecution [renewed](#) the detention of Taiba Darwish, adding 14 days, pending investigation. Taiba was accused of harboring political fugitives, and she is one of six women currently being detained.

Protests:

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



Protesters [called](#) for the release of political figures, especially Dr. al-Singace who has been enduring a hunger strike for more than 90 days.



[Protests in solidarity with political prisoners](#)

Collective Punishment/ Use of force:

Security forces have continued the excessive use of force and tear gas in residential areas in order to suppress peaceful protests. Several shotgun injuries have been reported.

Numerous protests were carried out in solidarity of Sheikh Ali Salman. Security forces suppressed protesters using tear gas and shot guns, causing several injuries among protesters.



[Daih](#)



[Shotgun injury](#)



A house in Duraz [vandalized](#) after being raided by security forces

Detainees:

22-year-old Mohammed al-Mosawi reportedly has been [denied](#) adequate medical care and placed in solitary confinement for more than 20 days. Reports from his last visit confirm that Mohammed was very pale and lost a substantial amount of weight. The Jau Prison administration told his family that Al-Mosawi was put in solitary because he contracted a contagious disease. His family has expressed grave concern over his well-being, and demanded the prison provide him with adequate medical care and remove him from solitary confinement.

Others:

The Shura Council [discussed](#) a bill proposing the withdrawal of housing units and canceling of housing services for those who have had their citizenship revoked.

On 21 June, a building housing migrant workers [caught](#) fire and caused injuries among several workers. Although the building's capacity was less than 50 people, at least 100 workers resided there. According to the latest statistics, 235,000 migrant workers live in buildings and old houses that do not meet appropriate safety and sanitation standards.