On 5 August 2015, Bahrain’s security forces arrested Mrs. Sadeqa al-Alawi from Sitra. She was summoned for interrogation amidst ongoing arrests and raids in Sitra following the explosion that resulted in two deaths among security forces.

Local sources stated that security forces raided a number of homes in the area, and then summoned and arrested Sadeqa. She has three brothers, Sayed Dheya, Sayed Mahmood, and Sayed Adel al-Alawi, who were also arrested during the crackdown on Sitra. Sadeqa’s nephew, Mahammed Mansoor, was arrested four days ago.

Sayed Dheya and Sayed Mahmood al-Alawi were wanted by authorities for two years. The activists recently expressed their fear of retaliation from security forces.

Moreover, eyewitnesses said that security forces continue to raid homes in Sitra. It was also reported that security forces used military vehicles and civilian buses to transport arrestees.

Other sources stated that security forces arrested Mohammed Ebrahim Touq from Wadyan, Sitra. Since his arrest, Mohammed’s family does not know his whereabouts. Isa Abdulameer al-Akrawi, a basketball player for the Sitra club, was also arrested.