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Introduction

This report addresses the violations that the sons of the King of Bahrain and some members of the ruling family committed during the application of state of emergency “National Safety Law” against political activists and other civilians, whether in detention centers, custody, or at checkpoints.

This special report shows the patterns of violations and torture practiced by Nasser bin Hamad, Khalid bin Hamad, the two sons of the King of Bahrain.

The report also monitors the cases of torture that was directed by Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Director-General of the Police Directorate of the southern province - and Nora bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa - Lieutenant in the Drug Management Department at Ministry of Interior, against peaceful protestors, whether they were doctors, teachers or civil society activists .

Information contained in this report, in particular (cases of torture and abuses), was obtained by the Department of Monitoring and follow-up in Bahrain Forum for Human Rights from various sources: direct meetings conducted by members of the Forum.

The Forum also benefited from the cases provided by Bahraini human rights entities, particularly Bahrain Center for Human Rights and monitoring committees in some civil society institution.

The report also attempted to provide information about roles and responsibilities held by those involved in violations in the Bahraini government, and whether these powers and responsibilities given to them allow a purely security investigation, and therefore, torturing activists and civilians!.

Bahrain Forum for Human Rights adopt the prosecution of those involved in human rights abuses in compliance with international law, because there is doubt in Bahraini judiciary ability to implement justice to victims who have been tortured and abused, which is due to its full subordination politically to the Bahraini regime.

Bahrain Forum for Human Rights would like to emphasize that because of the continuing security measures and what reach us of prosecutions practiced by authorities against human rights activists, we reserve to revealing the names of the sources that we deal with in the preparation of the report, in addition to the reservation to the names of the victims who were violated for their safety and safety of their families, except what was published by human rights organizations or sites in the local press.

The Forum alerts that the numbers of cases that have been recorded in this report are few compared to the large numbers which were tortured. The fear of exposure to detention or abuse had a great impact of the apology of many of those cases we met during the monitoring and follow-up to allow the publishing of their statements.

The Forum as it understands the apologies expressed by the owners of these cases calls those who have information in the same context to provide it to the Forum on the email address for the importance of availability of new cases in the legal prosecution of perpetrators of Human Rights abuses.

The (ICSFT) respectfully reminds all that the United Nations Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, adopted by consensus by the UN General Assembly on 9 December 1998, recognises the legitimacy of the activities of human rights defenders, their right to freedom of association and to carry out their activities without fear of reprisals. We would particularly draw your attention to Article 6 (b and c): “Everyone has the right, individually and in association with others: (b) As provided for in human rights and other applicable international instruments, freely to publish, impart or disseminate to others views, information and knowledge on all human rights and fundamental freedoms; (c) To study, discuss, form and hold opinions on the observance, both in law and in practice, of all human rights and fundamental freedoms and, through these and other appropriate means, to draw public attention to those matters” and to Article 12 (2): “The State shall take all necessary measures to ensure the protection by the competent authorities of everyone, individually and in association with others, against any violence, threats, retaliation, de facto or de jure adverse discrimination, pressure or any other arbitrary action as a consequence of his or her legitimate exercise of the rights referred to in the present Declaration.”



Introduction of Amnesty International - Branch Tunisia Toward more accountability for practicing torture

In past and present we aspire the human rights system to come out of the battle of autocratic state to democratic state in which its rulers and citizens respect its Constitution.

We were aspiring to a dialogue organizing our conflicts and differences without access to incompatibility, takfir, exclusion and termination thresholds.

We hoped that the law of religions and the law of human rights will be a basis for a relationship of respect that prevails between the creatures in the era of welfare and dignity and safety of human. when the Colonization left our countries, monarchies were emerged, which did not live up to what we sought to, to create hostility to both citizen and opponent and to exacerbate its excesses and to develop its violations machine sometimes in the name of religious reference and sometimes in the name of nationalism and another in the name of the law and maintaining national sovereignty.

The “patriots”, “revolutionaries”, “progressives” and “conservatives” rulers leapt to repress and abuse their people basing on the same justifications and reasons relying on Sultan strength and strength of Sultan and the support of the West which is the only beneficiary of the survival of these tyrants and rulers. Invested for that the idol of money and media to tyrannize and violate the sanctity of human. They thought at a moment of time that things legally, permeably and legitimately ended up to them.

Every now and then, in inattention between tyranny and oblivion some people were surprised of revolutions of this decade. Roaring masses have overthrown their thrones and the raging crowds came on their falsity and the daring legions exposed their corruptions and abuses. And if only they take into consideration the remainder of the oppressive systems, they might benefit from the experiences of the formers and consider the conduct of the former but the blindness of misguided had been printed on their hearts and sealed on their eyes so they did not realize the truth and continue to abuse their people following the example of their unjust grandfathers. And is the case of the remaining Arab rulers who gave their rein to an influential master who do not want to develop their countries and people. Who also the case of the Kingdom of Bahrain the

address of this report

Since year and a half a popular revolution erupted on that land adopting all peaceful methods but it was repressed by all forms of arrogance and all repressive machines was used by the local authority to end the popular revolution using all methods of tyranny and dictatorship, including the help of foreign powers. They arrested and tortured and imprisoned and practiced all forms of inhumanity in retaliation for opponents and all those who dare to protest against rulers.

This was proven through testimonies of Jurists either like the international expert , Bassiouni, who commissioned by the King Hamad or organizations and associations who monitored the excesses such as Amnesty International and “Human Rights Watch” or “High Commissioner for Human Rights ...etc

We cannot afford in this area to mention the entire of the world and all who top the burden of human rights as well as the existing power in Bahrain and especially those practice torture, we can only mention them in texts and international conventions and treaties that prohibit abuse and ill-treatment of people

The fifth Article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulates: No person shall be subjected to torture or punishment or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment

Article VII of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Also stipulates: No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel treatment or punishment, inhuman or degrading treatment and in particular shall not make any medical or scientific experimentation on any one without his consent.”

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights ensures materials pertaining to the eradication of torture, who is the second article related to duty to respect and guarantee of human rights.

And Article VI of the right to life

The Special Rapporteur on torture has the right to raise the annual reports to the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations; also he can address the Government of any Member State of the United Nations or enjoy the capacity of observer on torture allegations suffered by people or even the fear of being subjected to torture. The Special Rapporteur visit these concerned countries and make recommendations according to the findings he reached during his trip

The basic law of the International Criminal Court also approved crime of torture within the definition of war crimes and crimes against humanity. So the Article VIII stipulates that torture and willfully causing great pain or serious injury to body and outrages upon personal dignity and humiliating and degrading treatment of dignity as war crimes

All this set of texts, treaties and conventions and follow-up mechanisms increase the promotion of the right of peoples and citizens to hold accountability of the parties that have practiced torture against its citizens in the belief that it is immune from pun-



ishment

As we are in the most important international human rights NGOs organizations we believe that there is no room for impunity whatever was their rank and their positions and political responsibilities and we are confident that international human rights system will not hesitate in the future to pursue these judicially based on the principle of universal jurisdiction and the rule of the entry into force of Basic Law of the International Criminal Court. And what increases our trust and Contentment is what recently released by the courts of regional human rights of provisions and what was made by the United Nations Commission against torture and what was issued by the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations of resolutions prove the state responsibility for torture and ill-treatment in individual issues. The fact that several countries has proceeded a legal actions against officials responsible for torture outside a countries' borders itself basing on the principle of universal jurisdiction stimulates our will to entrench the rights and freedoms and dignity through pursue criminals so as not to escape punishment in any part of the world and against any official no matter how high his rank is. Our mission is the preparation and establishing the files and our aim is the international community till the criminals who committed crimes in regards to the sanctity of Physical persons and other crimes against humanity be convicted.

We cannot afford in the end but that to point out the efforts carried out by Bahraini human rights organizations in particular "Bahrain forum for human rights" which dared to go into what was considered previously kind of plowing in the sea or capturing the wind ,and despite the blackout it managed to show the serious violations suffered by people who demanded democracy and political change.

But thanks to these efforts by the Bahrain forum, which inevitably her rights will not be aborted or lost in the international community. We hope that peace and security will take place in Bahrain away from what human rights violators are doing for more than a year and a half. We almost certainly that what is happening in Bahrain and what the people is suffering of oppression and abuses and torture from the highest ranked person in the authority will not be immune from accountability. What happened in Chile, Romania, Yugoslavia, Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and other countries of the world is the best proof and the biggest argument that the unjust will not go unpunished even after a while?

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Theme I:

Identification of those involved in the violations

Information reported a personal involvement of members of the royal family in crimes punishable by domestic law through the Criminal Code and international law, including: prison, torture, persecution on political, racial or religious reasons... etc.

After the suppression of pro-democracy movement in Bahrain, Bahrain Forum for Human Rights have received reports from victims who mentioned their exposure to severe beatings, torture and abuse by people who the victims manage to identify them as members of the ruling family, four persons of Al Khalifa ruling family have been mentioned specifically:

- Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.
- Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.
- Noora bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.
- Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa.

The Following is a brief about the character of each of them, and the powers and responsibilities that assumed by each one:



Human rights activator Abul Hadi HI Khawaja & Nabil Rajab
after the torture (old picture)



Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa

He was born in 8th May 1987, assuming with his young age the position of commander of Bahrain's royal guard, as he is the chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and Chairman of the Bahraini Olympic Committee.

He is the fourth son to the King of Bahrain Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and his mother is shaea bint Hassan Al khre'sh Al Ajmi.

Responsibilities & authorities

- In 2000, he became the leader of Royal Group's ability since its inception, and since that time he assumed the honorary chairmanship of Bahrain Committee of Endurance Horse Race.
- On March 22, 2003, he became the president of the Equestrian and Endurance Royal Union.
- He graduated from the British Royal Military Sandhurst academy in August 2006.
- On November 27, 2007, he was appointed as a Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the charity's Royal institution.
- On April 23, 2008 he was appointed by his father Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, as member of the Economic Development Board, chaired by Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.
- In June 2009, he was chosen as president of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.
- In September 2010, he was appointed as president of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.
- On June 19, 2011, he was promoted to colonel rank by a royal decree issued by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and as well he appointed him as commander of the Royal Guard of the Bahrain Defence force.



Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

He was born in 23th -1989. He is the fifth son of the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, he is a lieutenant in Bahrain Defense Force .His wife, Sahab, is the daughter of King of Saudi Arabia, Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

He held several positions despite his young age. In 2007, he graduated from Ibn Khaldun's private school, and joined a military course in the British Military Academy (Sandhurst). And graduated in 2008.

Responsibilities & authorities

- served as Honorary President of the Star Club since 2006.
- served as first vice-president of the Equestrian and Endurance Royal Union since the announcement of the establishment of the Union in 2003.
- He was appointed president of the Equestrian and Endurance Royal union in June 2009.
- He became a member of the Royal team of the Endurance Horse Race since the establishment of the team in 2000.

The Curriculum Vitae of Nasser Bin Hamad and his brother Khalid shows that they assume many senior positions in spite of their small age, especially military ranks which ran only by high-ranking officers who have extensive experience in the military field.

All this reflects the mentality that control Bahrain and that posts do not come on the basis of competence and experience, but comes under tribal or family considerations.



Nora Ibrahim Al Khalifa

Lieutenant Nora bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, has been working in the Drug Enforcement Administration, and we do not have any more information about the curriculum vitae of this character accused of violations and abuses.



Security agents arrest a Bahrainian citizen exercising free expression



Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

The Director-General of the Police Directorate of the southern province, with the rank of colonel, reports indicate that he is responsible for breaking into homes and terrorizing residents in the southern province, and assaulting on women and children, and terrorize the citizens, and putting pressure on political prisoners and dissidents in prison and prevent them from their basic needs as well as many violations that will become clear through the presentation of some of the testimonies.

He was fired from his work in September 2011 because of the complaints against him for assault, abuse, and human rights violations.



**Bahrain's King conversing his two sons,
Nasser and Khalid bin Hamad involved violations**

Theme II:

Display cases and testimonies



Ayat Al qormozi

There are many testimonies that confirm the involvement of the above-mentioned in many of the violations, in a report issued by the Bahrain Center for Human Rights on some of the victims who have been subjected to torture and abuse said that one of the victims, a poet Ayat Al qormozi were arrested because of dumping a poem against the Bahraini regime during a peaceful protests in the pearl roundabout. She was arrested by masked men in civilian clothes, who put a bandage on her eyes, she spoke after her release of the torture she suffered by the men and women one of them is Nora Al-Khalifa. Ayat had told the full story - that will be shown later - including her torture by Nora, who spit upon her and slapped her on her face repeatedly, and spit inside her mouth and shocked her face with electricity repeatedly - by Nora Al Khalifa – and shouted many anti- Shiite sectarian expressions.



Dr. Fatima Hajji

As the center has pointed out of another victim, Dr. Fatima Hajji, who were broken into her apartment in the village of Bani Jamra by Noura Al-Khalifa and twenty five masked men and arrested her. During the investigation Nora asked Fatima to recognise but when the latter rejected, saying that she did not commit anything calls for recognition of only that she treated the patients. “If you didn’t recognize, I will torture you at the same way as I tortured Dr. Akri” Nora said, adding that Dr. Rola Al-Saffar and Dr. Ghassan Daif had also confessed.

Dr. Fatima has been insulted and slapped by Nora for

nearly twenty-five minutes, and then took a piece of plastic and beat her on the feet. When Nora Al Khalifa searched in her “BlackBerry” and saw two e-mails for Human Rights Watch (one about her arrest and the second about the martyr Ahmed Shams), she screamed in her face “How dare you to defame our government image,” then electrocuted her in the face.

Dr. Fatima has been asked to recognize that she was lying in crying before the international media and that she stole one hundred bags of blood and gave it to the demonstrators to pour it on themselves to pretend injury. Then they forced to sign a confession after threatening to be raped. The doctor has also been exposed to sexual harassment by a group of men under the supervision of Nora Al-Khalifa, they forced her to stand on one leg and make sounds of animals and singing and dancing.



Fatima Al Bakali

Moreover, Bahrain’s Center for Human Rights report pointed out that Fatima Al Bakali, a student at Teachers College in University of Bahrain was arrested on May 9, 2011, and taken blindfolded to western Al Riffa center, where general manager of police of southern province Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa investigated her about the word had been dumped in the Pearl Roundabout and her anti-government comments on her account on Facebook. Then he beat, slapped and kicked her, saying, “You Shiites are not thankful to your masters Al Khalifa.”

After that, he threatened Fatima to be raped if dared to talk about what has happened to her.

Nasser bin Hamad launched a series of threats on the state television, in a direct interview, that expressed a number of patterns of abuses, including:

- 1- Launch of public threats that threatening civil peace.
- 2- Prevent citizens from the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.
- 3- Employ the state television to broadcast sedition and threatening national unity.

This phone call came on the Bahraini official TV, in a special episode that was about the athletes who participated in peaceful marches in Pearl Roundabout, where the following conversation was:

Nasser: hello, good evening, I do not want to take your time, God bless you guys, and of these efforts that you exert and anyone who stood and proved his loyalty and love to the Kingdom of Bahrain leadership and people, **and everyone calls for down-fall of the regime” “Not fall on his head, but a wall”**.

Presenter: very nice of you

Nasser: Today we youth and athletes have no business in politics; our approach is an athletic approach and honorable challenge. There are some people, who intervened in some things, and some people who have lost the love of the public, and some people who enter themselves in mazes, I do not want to prolong my speech, and I hope that you permit me. Everyone intervenes in these matters and this network he will be held into accountable, whether he is athletic, social, political ..., he will be held into accountable at this time, and this day is time of

Account, God make us all patient, and God strengthens everyone, and sustains our thanking and Khalifa bin Salman and Salman bin Hamad.

Presenter: your Highness Sheikh Nasser God protect you, maybe people of Bahrain want to hear these words that everyone who tried only to talk about the drop of the regime then he will be held into accountable , thank you, this reassured our hearts

Nasser: they will be held into accountable, Bahrain is an Island and there is no escape, and all those involved in these things they will be held into accountable, and everyone stand he will get his medicine, and the patient people who stood with Mr.



King are known, as we knew who stood against us, we knew who stood with us, and days will reveal.

Faisal Al Sheikh: Sheikh if you permit me to speak a word.

Nasser: go ahead, order me

Faisal: no enemy order you, you are a man from a man, and your words are crown on our heads, His Majesty word that “pardoned be bygones” would not be present, and that who hurt Bahrain he does not worth benevolence of Bahrain, God bless you and Al-Khalifa.

Nasser: God prolong your life, and thank you all.

It is clear from previous conversation that the state television is employed to broadcast sedition and threatening national unity, and the interview included a number of threats and abuses to athletes and other staff who expressed its opinion in supporting the protests which demands freedom and justice by peaceful means.

The interview can be seen on the following link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioEkV_XWfNc

Here are some cases that have been documented and refer to many violations that are crimes in accordance with the regulations, laws and international conventions and are punishable under national law and international law, the following is another case that have been documented by Bahrain Forum for Human Rights, and which are private to the Forum.

First case of violation



Sheikh Abdullah
Issa Al Mahroos

Accused of torture: Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa

The Victim: Sheikh Abdullah Issa Al Mahroos (known as Mirza Al Mahroos), a cleric, and Vice President of Al Zahraa Society for Orphan Care

Date of arrest: April 1, 2011

Place of detention: sister-in-law's house - Al Bilad Al Qadima

Place of detention: Alqalaa (castle) - Alqarin camp prison

Date of Release: still in detention and subjected to trial.

Patterns of torture:

- 1 - Assault on the sanctity of the home.
- 2 - Insults and sectarian insults.
- 3 - Constant beating by plastic pipes.
- 4 - Sexual harassment and laying pipes in the anus.
- 5 - Spitting in the mouth, and forcing to swallow the spit.
- 6 - Full stripping

Course of the incident:

On April 1, 2011, at 3:30 am, a 15-20 members of the National Security Service, some of them in civilian clothes and masked, shattered the doors with their weapons



and jumped over the wall. When they arrested me and identify my real character they beat me severely all over my body. I was trying to protect myself by rolling on the floor. They continued for about half an hour, and I was blindfolded and handcuffed, and wearing my pajama.

They searched my house, and took my belongings, including medicine and clothing. They insulted and abused my sister-in-law's husband, who I was in his house in Al Bilad Al qadima. They did not show me any papers relating to an order of my arrest or inspection and they did not even identify themselves or reveal the reasons of arrest. I was taken to the national security building in Al qalaa (castle) in the capital Al Manama. During my stay in the car, they constantly beat me, especially on the face and abdomen in addition to insults and improper words.

In the castle: I spent 6 days in the lower floor where I could hear constantly and throughout the day and night the screaming of people being tortured. Throughout this time I was blindfolded and guarded by security personnel. One of national security personnel who I have met them and beat me is the Captain Badr Ibrahim Ghaith. I and a large number of detainees were in a corridor where they took us one after the other and beat us continuously by sticks and plastic pipes in addition to strikes all over the body. Four or five people who did the beating

and when I become sick they throw me on the floor and starting to torture another person and at that time we were beaten by everyone passed from the corridor. During the beating they were directing all kinds of charges to justify their continued beating. They focused on my participation in Pearl Roundabout assembly and dumping a word included the torture I exposed to in my former arrest and my criticism of the regime .Their words were ugly and their threat of murder and rape was continuous . They hung me in a «chicken» way where they entered a stick between my handcuffed hands and legs and beat me on all parts of my body, they enter sticks in my anus, and sexual harassment by sticking to my body. My clothes were fully removed for several times.

Throughout 6 days I could not sleep between the meals of continuous torture and sometimes I was ordered to stand for several hours and I was beaten if I made any movement. Nasser bin Hamad the son of King of Bahrain has tortured me also. Sheikh Mohammed Habib Mekdad was among people who have been exposed to what I exposed to in those days where I got to know his voice during his torture. As well I heard the sound of my sister-in-law's husband who was arrested because of my presence in his home during the arrest.

Alqarin camp prison: after 6 days I was deluded that I will be transferred to Saudi Arabia to apply the death penalty as a spoiler person in the land. But in fact, I was taken to an army prison in remote south of Bahrain and I was really thought that I was taken to Saudi Arabia...

Every day and over two months I was exposed in the middle of the night to beatings, verbal abuse and humiliation, where I had been beaten with plastic pipes on the head and various parts of the body as well they pour 3 times a large amount of cold water on my body and my pillow and my cover where they kept

full with water for two days or three days, and each time they were operating the air condition in its extreme cold, where I kept continuously shaking from cold. They forced me twice to take off my clothing and practice sodomy with me where I was forced to bow forward (as the case of sojood) and leave me in that case for about half an hour before they allow me to wear my clothes again.

After they insert a plastic tube in my anus daily over two weeks, I was asked to open my mouth and being spit inside it several times and asked me to swallow it, and if I hesitated they beat me by plastic pipes.

All of these methods of torture were taking place while I am blindfolded. Those who do these actions were in civilian clothes and wearing black masks.



Second case of torture



Mohammed Habib
Al Mekdad

Accused of torture: Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa

The Victim: Mohammed Habib Al Mekdad,
president of Zahraa Association for Orphans care

Date of arrest: April 1, 2011

Place of detention: at a home in Al makabh

Place of detention: Alqalaa (castle) - Al Qareen
prison camp

Date of Release: still in detention and subjected
to trial.

Patterns of torture:

- 1 - Assault on the sanctity of houses.
- 2 - Cursing and sectarianism insults.
- 3 - Complete stripping during arbitrary detention from one of the houses.
- 4 - Hanging in a way that head down and feet up.
- 5 - Beating on feet heel for multiple hours.
- 6 - Use of electric shocks at sensitive places and some parts of the body.
- 7 - Sleep deprivation for long periods
- 8 - Severe beatings to the point of Bloodying on the back and head by clubs and shoes.
- 9 - Spitting in the mouth, and force him to swallow it.

Course of the incident:

According to the statement of the victim, who declares that: On April 1, 2011 at 2:30

I was arrested by members of the National Security Service where a group of 50 to 60 elements wearing civilian clothes, and put masks on their faces came and

surrounded the area where I was at a house in “Al makabh.” they raided the house and broke down the doors and arrested me violently and brutally and beat me a painful strikes without mercy, I was also stripped from my underwear “pants” so I became fully naked, I began to cover my genitals by hands and the beats were bombarded at me from all sides, then they took me by car and put the blindfold on my eyes and took me to the National Security Service (the castle).

In this period, I received hardest types of physical and mental torture. I was put in prison under the ground - where light cannot reach it - and they practiced with me a terrible ways of torture.

Also I was forced to sign a statement that was written by members of the national security without I know what was written in it, which I signed under duress.

In Alqareen prison - of the army - and witness to what happened to me of torture in the “Al qalaa prison” the prisoner who was with me, Sheikh Mirza Al Mahroos, and the prisoner Mohammed Jawad, where they heard my shoutings. I’ve recognized some members of the national security and some torturers.

Period of detention in the Al qareen prison:

I was put in Alqareen prison in a single cell where they were practicing with me torture, but not in the early days because I was sick and I was given feeders and I was very tired and the spots of torture on my body were clear. When I became good the meals of torture began and it was not less than the torture in the Alqalaa prison at the National Security Service.

At my trial on February 6, 2012, I spoke to the judge and showed him the spots of torture on my body, and the names of those who supervised on my torture, including Nasser the son of the King Hamad bin Isa.

The judge asked Miqdad to keep silent, saying that “this court has its respect,” Mekk-dad responded: “Is the dignity of the court is more important than human dignity?” Miqdad also said that prisoners at the military court were “barred from speaking”, stressing that he would not waive his right to speak and to inform the attendees for what happened to him, and confirmed the presence of more than 50 electric shock traces on his body and that he was tortured by piercing his leg by the Drill and spitting in his mouth, pointing out that “he is tortured by Nasser bin Hamad, who forced him to kiss the leadership pictures”. The judge only listened to Al Mikdad and did not document



any of his words.

Nasser Bin Hamad torture Al Miqdad

Sheikh Mohammed Habib Al Mekdad reported: I was in Al qalaa cellar under torture.
A man came with a group and I was blindfolded.

“Do you know me” he said

“No” I said,

“There was only a wall between us in Safriya “he said.

”I do not know you “I said.

”I am the Prince Nasser bin Hamad “he said

“What were you saying in Safriya march?” said Nasser

I raised my head and I saw from under my blindfold that he really is. He began asking me.

“What were you shouting at Safriya palace?”

“The people chanting slogans” I said

“What are the slogans?” he said

“people want the downfall of the regime”, I said.

“What do they say also?” he said.

“They are shouting down with Hamad “I replied.

When I said that, he bombarded me with boxing, torture and severe beatings by clubs and kicks.

Safriya march that we referred to above has been organized on March 12, 2011 in front of Safriya palace of the king of Bahrain.

You can refer to the statement made by Sheikh Mohammed Miqdad to Bassiouni committee to see more details:

https://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=240149192686435

Third case of violation



Mohammed Hassan
Mohammed Jawad

Accused of torture:	Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa
The victim:	Mohammed Hassan Mohammed Jawad (surname: Pervez Mohammed Jawad)
Date of arrest:	March 22, 2011
Place of arrest:	a checkpoint near Al Naeem police station
Place of detention:	Al Naeem police station - National Security building - Al Houd Al jaf Prison
Date of Release:	still in detention and subjected to trial.

Patterns of torture:

- Verbal abuse and insults
- Severe beatings and mental torture.
- Sexual assault attempt.
- Exposure to delusive execution.
- spitting in the mouth.
- Threat of sexual assault on his wife and daughters.
- Electrocution.
- Arbitrary detention.

Course of the incident:

I was stopped at a checkpoint near Al Naeem police station, they told me that my car's number was on the wanted list of national security, and asked me to get out of the car; once I came out they began to curse and beat me severely on the head and pelvis. I am still suffering of pain in the pelvis, and I still suffer of pain in my pelvis. Then they took me to Al Naeem center as they continue beating me, and confiscated all my personal belongings.

Inside the center, I took ask them about the reason of beatings. I told them that my car was in Pearl Roundabout, and I was on my way to take it, they rushed to take me to the Roundabout, and asked for its location, but the severity of the beatings forgot me where it is, so they resumed their beatings terribly in the centre of the Roundabout, and handcuffed me and pulled me on the ground, then

they dragged me as animals into Al Naeem police station, and told me to stand against the wall for two hours. At the center there was other citizens who were arrested as well, and are treated in the same manner of torture, where the security men who are working in the state security apparatus wearing masks on their faces so as not to know them.

At Al Naeem police station, they were holding me and throw me against the wall; I did not know where they will take me as they continue to curse me. The way of their torture inspired me that they want to kill me. The national security apparatus orders suddenly came to take me to Al qalaa prison in the Interior Ministry headquarters in Manama; for torturing me.

Once I got to Al qalaa they began to humiliate and spoke with sectarian words, and vowing to expose to my family and especially my daughter, in addition to threatening to fire my sons from their jobs.

All the security men around me are foreigners who are employed. One of them dragged me from my beard, and the other from my hair, and the third mocked at me, hanging me sometimes, and sometimes beat me, at other times they were tying me with chains to the ground.

I stayed with a large group of young people who were lying in Alqalaa corridors for more than a month. At this period I was deprived of sleeping, showering, and praying. We were blindfolded. Between those who I saw from under the cloth were Sheikh Mohammed Habib Al Mekdad, and Sheikh Mirza Mahroos. On one occasion, they tried to assault me sexually by a piece of wood which they entered into my penis.

Nasser Bin Hamad supervising on torture of "Pervez"

In the second or third day, they called me. I asked them what they want. They said “enter O dirty man”. I entered the torture chamber, they asked me to stand. There was a group of 3 or 4 masked men, and they have clubs and some devices of torture, in addition to the electrocute device. They made me hear its sound deliberately to scare me, I wondered if they would use it or not, but after they tied me with iron chain in my hands and feet, I understood that they want to use it. They tortured me through my legs; it was very painful, where I took shouting loudly. I knew that the one who supervised my torture was Nasser bin Hamad the son of the King of Bahrain, who also tortured Sheikh Mohammed Mikdad, Sheikh Mirza Mahroos, and Karim Fakhrawi.

This was my situation on a daily basis, especially at night, where they were using the most violent forms and torture methods and hanging and beating with clubs and electric shocks and threats and intimidation and cruel, degrading treatment. Where they were throwing me on the ground, and direct to me the ugliest words, where they were calling me: O Majoosy, and O Safavid, and they were saying to me: here is not Iran, we came to you from Iraq, and we are Saddamists (1). I could hear the screams and groans of my friend Karim Fakhrawi in the torture chambers, and suddenly his voice vanished, and I learned later that he had died.

They told me - in the investigation - that they arrested my eldest daughter Ramla and fired my sons from their jobs. They threatened me with sexual assault, as well as my daughters and my wife; I was expecting to be handed dead to my parents, who did not know anything about me. Due to what I was exposed of electrocution, and various kinds of torture to the point of physical collapse.

I was worn a towel in my hands and my feet, then heated so that the signs of torture would not appear, and then hanged, and beaten severely till faint, then pour water to wake up.

Then I was taken to Al hawd Al jaf prison. I stayed there for a day or two with some of the prisoners, on the second day they call me and said “we will take you into execution in Saudi Arabia,” but they took me to the Al qareen prison, and then they took me to an isolated cell for nearly 3 months. They were forcing us to repeat the national anthem every morning. Pictures of the King and the Prime Minister and Saudi king were hanged in our cells where we were forced to kiss them every day, or threatened to spit in our mouth. So we were meeting their request and kiss the pictures, but they open our mouth and spit in it. They do not permit us to go to the bathroom only with difficulty.



Forth case of violation



■ Hidden Picture

Accused of torture	Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa
The victim	████████████████████ ████████
Date of arrest	04/16/2011
Place of arrest	checkpoint - Dar Kulaib - near Safriya Palace
Place of detention	Al Riffa Centre

Patterns of torture:

- Curses and insults
- Severe beatings on the face and ribs
- sitting on the knees and collectively beating
- forcing to eat chili for not keeping Royal greeting

Course of the incident:

While I was with my wife and my children in the car on May 16, 2011 we passed by a checkpoint in Dar Kuliab near Safriya Palace where Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa was present, they searching my car but nothing was found inside it, but after he searched my mobile phone, Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa saw messages about Pearl Roundabout, and because of these messages he insulted and beat me.

He asked me to call one of my brothers to accompany my wife and children to home, but they arrested my brother after they also searched his phone, which made my wife and children go home by themselves.

They cursed and kicked us behind my brother's car and forced us to repeat the royal greeting then they threw us on the ground. They forced us to sit on the knees, handcuffing our hands, and beaten us again especially on the face and ribs for not knowing the Royal greeting. Khalid bin Hamad called his bodyguards to participate in hitting us and continued to beat us for an hour. They also forced us to eat chili for not knowing the royal greeting, as well as they forced us to insult some opposition figures.

After that a police car came to take us, beaten us again .They blindfolded our eyes then took us inside the car and still beating us until we got to the police station where they continued beating.

After two hours of interrogation, they charged me of inciting hatred against the regime, and forced me to sign, and then took me to the detention room. The next day they took me to the military prosecutor who sentenced me to 60 days in prison and dismissal from work. I was released in July 10, 2011



Fifth case of violation



■ Hidden Picture

Accused of torture	Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa
The Victim	[REDACTED]
Date of arrest	April 11, 2011
Place of arrest	checkpoint - Dar Kulaib - near Safriya Palace
Place of detention	Hamad Town Center

Patterns of torture:

- Verbal abuse and insults.
- Severe beatings on the face and groin, and different parts of the body.
- Handcuffing and beatings on the genitals.
- forcing to sign a confession under torture.

Course of the incident:

They stopped me at a checkpoint near the Safriya palace at 4:00 pm and I was not carrying my identity card because I lost it and my car in the recent attack on the round-about, they asked me about it and my drive license but when they didn't find it with me they doubt that I was wanted. Khalid the son of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa then came , and ask about my phone where he inspected it while the rest of the army were inspecting the car. Khalid bin Hamad found on my phone a message demanding the

downfall of the regime and marching to the roundabout, he ask me to look and read it, then asked me to take off my glasses and started to beat me on my face. He was wearing a military uniform. When they searched my car and found an old copy of Al Wifaq publication, a military man came and asked me about my another phone and why it does not contain any message and if is that because I cancel it? And began to beat me. After they completed the inspection of my car, they took me down and handcuffed my hands from behind and took me to an area between two army vehicles so that nobody can see me and beat me then throw me on the ground. They beat me till they injured my chin and the blood started bleeding profusely. Khalid then kicked me on my back and kidneys. then a police patrol came and tried to take my testimony but I could not speak because the blood was collected in my mouth from kicking .Khalid then said a sectarian words such as: Son of funetc, then they took me to Hamad Town Centre, where they put me in one of the offices blindfolded, they left me nearly half an hour then a number of police came and beat me with sticks on my back, then they went out and two policemen came in and started beating me and then

went out and others came and beat me until an order from the Centre came and took me out to a cabinet where I received a man in civilian clothes and who noticed a spots of shotgun on my back so he asked me about the time of injury, I told him that it was on the roundabout's second attack, but he threatened me to tell the truth. they took me to the center again and beat me by sticks on my legs and shoulders, they asked me about the posters for Haq they found in my car, I told them that I distribute them as a personal donate and I am not a member in Haq, but they laid me on the ground where two policemen grabbed my leg and the other put his foot over my head while the other beat my genitals with a stick. Then they wrote a testimony I do not know its content and asked me to sign on it without reading and then they took me to detention for three months before my release.



Sixth Case of Violation



■ Hidden Picture

Accused of torture Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

The Victim [REDACTED]

Date of arrest April 20, 2011

Place of arrest checkpoint - Dar koliab - near the Safriya Palace

Patterns of torture:

- Verbal abuse and insults
- Severe beatings on the face, and different parts of the body.
- break the nose.
- Threatening and terrorizing with weapons.

Course of the incident:

On Wednesday April 20, 2011 at 11:00 am I was riding my car that was a bus of 15 passengers for a private Company that I work in as a security man. I was heading to the work site through the Safriya Palace Street. I was stopped at the first point after the traffic light and questioned where I was heading, I told them to my work, they left me continue my way. then another checkpoint stopped me and I was questioned where I was heading, I answered with the same answer that I answered before, but a military personnel who was Khalid bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa ordered me to stop the engine of my car and took my mobile phone and started to search in and ordered the rest of the security personnels to search the car, while he was asking me suddenly a police-

man took out a picture of a cleric from the booklet of instructions for the car use , he asked me” who was the owner of this picture?. “ the car is not for me but for my work,” I said. Khalid Bin Hamad insisted to identify the owner of the picture which was planted in my car while I was talking with him.” This is a picture of a cleric” I told him. “This devil who wants you to downfall the regime” he asked.

They made me stand with my car beside a tank that was there. He began searching more and more in my mobile phone until he found a picture of the Pearl Roundabout and messages belong to the marches. He told me to get off my car and made me put both hands behind my back and handcuffed them with plastic wire and then told me to bow and not to move . Khalid bin Hamad put his hands on my neck and made it strongly get down to his knees that effected on my face and led to a break in my nose which I still suffer from ... These strike led to a severe bleeding in the nose and mouth, then he raised my head again and took boxing me on my face, cursing and insulting by saying: you who want to overthrow the regime we will send you away to Iran “ sons of fun “ insulting my sect and so on.. (I was in a case that I cannot understand his words). He continued to beat me until a point of blood flew to his clothes .He took a handkerchief, rolling it and put in my nose to stop the bleeding and then continued his beating. Then he went away and a military personnel who was with him came and continued beating and boxing me in the presence of members of the security men who formed a ring around me. Their beatings have focused in this period on the face and the back with continued bleeding until the fall of tissue that Khalid bin Hamad put. The soldier stop beating me, then Khalid Bin Hamad pulled me near the tank, taking a gun and opening the ammunition store and showed me the bullets inside it, then said to me” I will empty these ammunitions in your head and throw you in this place” then he closed the weapon and face it to my head and said “ I will kill you”, then beating me again on the face and put some sand in my mouth. He was exchanging my beating with his men. Then he direct the gun to my feet again, I was afraid to shoot it ... After Khalid bin Hamad end his beatings and torturing he ordered them to take me to the jeep and then to a police station.



Seventh case of violation



Ayat Al Qurmozi

The accused of torture	Nora Al-Khalifa
The Victim	Ayat Al Qurmozi
Date of arrest	March, 30, 2011
Place of detention	Investigations and Criminal department in Judicial, then Isa City Centre.

Patterns of torture:

- Curses and insults
- Severe beatings on the face and on different parts of the body.
- Electrocution.
- spitting on the face.
- Recording of confessions and apologies for broadcast on state television.
- forcing to open the mouth to put a wooden sweeper to clean the bathrooms.

Course of the incident:

On the eighth day of my arrest- in the investigations and criminal department in Adliya- they dragged me blindfolded to one of the management buildings, to a room full of men and once I entered they began curse me “O lesbian O daughter of a dog, make you mistake with your masters! Who did write the poem for you?” I told them I who written it.” How much did they pay for you to write it? “He said. I told him I wrote it

by myself and nobody has paid me anything. “Whom do you want to rule you instead of Al-Khalifa” I told him nobody, and as soon as I spoke I surprised of a woman with-drawing me and slapping me hard on my face and screaming, “Al-Khalifa are a crown on your heads, Shiites, and those are your masters “Girl of enjoyment”. “When she was screaming, cursing and slapping me hardly on my face, the blindfold came down off my eyes and saw her face a bit but they rushed to lift it and cover my eyes. She surprised me with electric shock on my face till I collapsed of the intensity of beatings. They took me where I was before after they all cursed and beat me. In the following night, the same woman, Nora Al Khalifa who shook me with electricity, came and I was not blindfolded. Once she entered she began to slap me hard on my face for a long time and screaming “raise your head otherwise I put a shoe in your mouth ...” and continued to slap and curse me with ugliest words that touch my honor and spit on my face .Finally, she went out after she left a severe pain in my ear and swelling and pain in my nose and some spots on my face.

On April 23th, I was transferred blindfolded to the Investigation and Criminal department, I did not know why and when I arrived there they forced me to film a confessions and apologies under terrible threat by one of their men. As soon as I came out of the filming room they took me to the car after blindfolded me. while I was in the car and before we moved I felt a strange movement that surprised me with a slap on my face and screaming “open your mouth and withdraw your tongue” I refused that because they were always threatened me to cut off my tongue, so I was afraid that time had come for the implementation of these threats. But she hit me hard on the head with a wooden tool and scream “ open your mouth otherwise I enter a shoe in it”. I surrendered and opened my mouth to enter a wooden tool in my mouth which is a (bathroom wooden sweeper) and then removed it and took spit in my mouth and when I screamed the driver shouted at, “ hush, I don’t want to hear your noise” and continued slapping me strongly till I felt dizzy and heavy weight in my head. All that was with testimony of Jalila Salman who was with me in the same car, and then they transferred me to a remand in Isa Town .Her beatings left a swelling in my head and blood stains or lumps and severe headache for days.



Eighth case of violation



■ Hidden Picture

Accused of torture	Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa
The Victim	[REDACTED]
Date of arrest	04/01/2011
Place of arrest	working area.
Place of detention	Al Riffa center

Patterns of torture:

- 1 - Cursing and sectarian insults.
- 2 - Severe beatings on sensitive areas in the body.
- 3 - Sexually rape attempt.
- 4 - Electric shocks and standing for long hours

Course of the incident:

I was arrested on January 14, 2011 when I was at work, as I am one of Ministry of Interior employees. I was tortured by ripping my clothes and beaten severely by using a plastic tool (cable).

On the second day, the so-called Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, a security chief of the southern region, investigated with me directly with a number of security men. He directed to me sectarian insults such as (the son of enjoyment). He asked me about my reference imitation (taqleed), I said that Ayatollah Al Shirazi⁽¹⁾ is my reference,

(1) Imitation in the al-Jaafari literature: is the return of an individual who reached the legitimate age to take the opinions of Islamic law from a religious reference, unless the individual has reached the stage of "Ijtihad" or "Reserve".

then he said (Haidar, Haidar, in reference to a religious practice where we striking our head during Hussaini processions), and then he took a sharp iron ruler, and started hitting my head and saying (Haidar, Haidar, Haidar) mocking and ridiculing at my religious tenets, he was hitting me nervously and sadistically until my head swell and bled.

They tortured me in different ways till Khalifa bin Ahmed ordered his men to sit me on a table, then he beat me with sharp tools (piece of wood). They also focused on long- hours standing on one leg up to 36 hours.

The so-called Khalifa bin Ahmed was also threatening me with rape every day during my torture, and he ordered his men to rape me sexually, where they put a black rubber rod in my ass, for further humiliation. They also used electric shocks for long hours that reach 8 hours.

Charges were prepared, namely: (participating in anti-regime marches - marching to Pearl Roundabout) .In addition, they accused me of trying to leak information from the ministry. They were using a material (brought from Saudi Arabia) to remove the spots of torture off the body, so that they can continue the torture practice for a longer time. My detention continued for ten months in Al Riffa security center of southern region.

Khalifa bin Ahmed was enjoying in torturing me, he was deliberately offend my religious tenets by saying sectarian insults and cursing opposition figures, he was sadistic in torturing me ; ordering them to beat me on the legs in order to withdraw confessions , then I was transferred to another detention center.

Ninth case of violation



■ Hidden Picture

Accused of torture	Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa
The Victim	██████████
Date of arrest	April 7, 2011
Place of detention	checkpoint, Bahrain International Circuit for race.
Place of detention	Southern Security Directorate, Riffa centre

Patterns of torture:

- Verbal abuse and insults
- Severe beatings on the face, and different parts of the body.
- threaten and terror

Course of the incident:

On 7th of April, they attacked me in my office... directing their weapon to my head , dragging and insulting me .I was surprised completely, so I asked Bishara what was happening but the latter beat me on my face and insulted my mother with ugliest and dirtiest words .they threw me to the ground and handcuffed me and beat me severely. One of intelligence men put his foot on my face with his full- body weight until I felt that my breath will go. They drag me to the elevator and screaming,” O son of Haram How many times did you enjoy in the Roundabout? Then they took me to an isolated room where a Pakistani cop slapped and insulted me until the officer soon came, pointing to my phone, he says to me “Is this your child?” Laughed and said you will not see him

again you will be sentenced to death. I remained stained with blood approximately two hours until they pulled , beaten , cursing and kicked me and threw me on a bus had been filled with staff who were not best of me. How many insults and insults and torture have we - the Formula staff- experienced while we were on our path to Riffa center.

When we got there, a policewoman laughed and asked the officer “how many sheep do you have?” He said: “I have 25 sheep and one he-goat ..!” They let us all enter a room and blindfolded our eyes and asked us to face the wall and beat us brutally. I could hear the screams of my colleagues while they were shocked with electricity and when the torture made me lose my patient I shouted at them, give me a pen and paper and I will sign and write whatever you want of charges but stop beating. I was not feeling with my hands because they were tightened by the handcuff so that the blood does not reach my veins and I was received the whips blows and batons all over my body and my hands. The torture continued for long hours and the room was abuzz of Formula staff and when we asked for water the response was batons, whips and the answer was that we do not deserve even water and we will not be given any drop and insulting us with dirtiest words after a torture lasted from Thursday morning till evening. The torture did not stop. They came and dragged me to a room called the room of “execution”. Everyone in the corridor was beating, cursing and kicking me with every tool come to your mind!! In this room I fell over and fainted several times, but the internal doctor told them to continue and “he is ok “! the torture increased more and more in this room and my body was bleeding severely so that I became in a nervous state, even though I do not suffer from epilepsy, I fell to the ground and my handcuff opened of the severity of neurological condition and my eye- cover rose a bit to be surprised by more than two dozen people gathered around me and carried different tools and beat me till I fainted many times, but they ruthlessly continued their torture till they thought that I died. The men were screaming at me how much is your salary? Why did you receive a salary more than us? The higher the salary of a staff was the higher his share of torture was. I lost the ability to walk for days because of severe torture. A continued torture from 9:00 am till 9:00 pm is enough to snap up the spirit of a man. They put another blindfold on my eyes and handcuffed my hands and took me to investigation.

The detective man there accused me for making a party that I have done on the occasion of Formula one cancelation. I denied and said to the investigator how can I set up a party on the account of my livelihood and how can I be happy for the cancelation of Formula One we worked a whole year for it? The Questions by the investigator were





strange... And then I was forced to sign papers I do not know what it contents. After the investigation they laid us on the floor over each other as we were bleeding... I remember that the eye-cover of one of my colleagues fell off his eyes, he shook his head and smiled saying to me “ we will bear their oppression “ and perhaps the scene that rest in my mind was when a director put an employee head in his lap as he was crying, but we were suddenly attacked by mercenaries and beat us with sharp objects. one of them called me, but I was unable to stand, a mercenary came and dragging my head and hit it against the wall till my face and hands and legs frighteningly swollen and the police were laughing at me and asked about the colors of my body, and who did make them!. they took me to my cell, and my clothes were completely torn apart and I could not walk, a former detainee carried me and tried to treat my wounds and someone donate his clothes for me While we were taken from the Riffa centre to Alhawd Aljaf we were exposed to the worst torture that a staff was almost to die after being hit heavily on his ribs and was transferred to the hospital. They were asking me to breathe deeply and beat me hard on my stomach. In Alhwid Aljaf in the middle of the night, the mercenaries was attacking the cell, carrying their sticks and their sharp tools. I was fainted when-

ever I saw them forcing the detainees with me to take off their clothes and sexually harassing them by entering their rods in sensitive parts. We stayed in jail for several months and when we were released it was a difficult period awaiting trial till the case preserved for lack of evidence.

They took me to Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa who know that we were tortured by police and officers who work under his command, he asked me to lift my shirt to see the signs of torture, and when he saw the clear spots, he said “Are you happy?” , “Look what did happen to you? What do you want? Overthrow the regime? How much salary do you take? If the regime fell will you get the same salary?

You want wilayat Al faqih? You want Issa Qassem?! Then ordered them to return me back to my cell.



Theme III:

Legal Description Of The Conviction

the violations of human rights by the involved of the ruling family in Bahrain during the application of the case of national safety in 2011 against civilian citizens are considered “crimes against humanity” which are crimes prohibited by the national law of Bahrain, and the international laws as a violation of the provisions of the National Constitution, it is also a violation of the articles of international humanitarian law and international criminal law and the Statute of the International Criminal Court and the four Geneva Conventions and its Protocols and other international conventions.

national laws “according to the Constitution of Bahrain”⁽¹⁾ and international laws came clear to deal with these violations, and has been described as crimes of “genocide to target a particular group, who are the Bahraini Shiites society which are crimes against humanity” in international law referred in⁽²⁾.

international conventions in particular the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights does not allow to subject an individual to torture or punishment or cruel, inhuman treatment, and that any violation of the provisions of this Agreement is a clear violation of human rights⁽³⁾, and the declare of national safety does not authorize the torture of citizens and not fortify the perpetrators of crimes and not grant members of the royal family the targeting of civilians and political activists and human rights activists, as it does not allow the use of violence or degrading, cruel treatment, and that violations and abuses by members of the ruling family in law are crimes requires accountable of the govern-

(1) Article No. (19) Of public rights and duties in the Bahraini Constitution provides: “no person is allowed to arrest or restrict any person liberty except in accordance with the provisions of the law and under the supervision of the judiciary, nor any person shall be subjected to physical or mental torture.”

(2) Article No. (2) Of the international conventions on civil and political rights provides that any individual shall not be subjected to torture or cruel treatment or punishment.

(3) Article (7) of the ICC Statute that the willful killing, torture, rape, persecution of any group is one of the acts that fall under the crime against humanity.



ment and to punish those involved in the commission of these violations which constitute criminal offenses, and this cannot be before the Bahraini courts, who does not provide effective means of redress, as well as it is subject to the authorities of the State which requires a direct transfer of these crimes and perpetrators to international criminal justice.





Theme IV:

Recommendations



First: Based on report's evidences about the involvement of members of the ruling family in the torture of civilians and some political or human rights figures and humiliate and degrade their human dignity, whether in detention centers, or in the security detachments at checkpoints during the application of emergency law known as National Safety Law ,those involved in such violations, according to the legal responsibility and its implications and depending on the roles assigned to them, they must be held accountable before the judicial authorities.

Second: the crimes that committed by sons' of the king: Nasser bin Hamad, and Khalid Bin Hamad and members of the ruling family is described as criminal offenses in the Bahraini Penal Code, and crimes against humanity in international law, which constitute a breach of the conventions and international laws, and given the fact that the prosecution and punishment of those responsible for these violations before the national courts is impossible due to the control of the Bahraini authorities on judiciary, and lack of integrity, which mars its provisions and lose its transparency and neutrality and does not have the international rules and requirements to achieve the assumed justice; so those involved in the commission of those acts which constitute international crimes should be prosecuted in front of international criminal tribunals

Third: the international organizations that working in human rights noticed that the Bahraini authorities is implementing a policy of impunity, and which it has been pointed out by the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations in a report, as several States showed fears of a policy of impunity during the reviewing of the Bahraini human rights file in the Human Rights Council during the Universal Periodic Review, note that the legal standards impose on the

Government of Bahrain to commit to international humanitarian law where the referred law is enforceable as the persons who commit massive violations of laws - with criminal intent - that is, deliberately or recklessly - are responsible for committing



crimes against humanity and the State is responsible for all violations of these laws and it is required to do all procedures that ensure the prosecution of those involved and bring them to justice and compensate the victims with fair and equitable compensation, and which suit the victims and their relatives with the need to uncover the truth of the crimes and incidents committed by those involved.

Policy of impunity has encouraged growing violations of civilians who are being arrested, and has encouraged the emergence of new abusers including the sons of the King of Bahrain Nasser and Khalid Bin Hamad and members of the ruling family.



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