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BAHRAIN FACTFILE

At least **72 people have been killed** since protests broke out in February 2011.

Bahraini human rights groups claim **at least 50 people have been arrested** in the past 2 weeks **for their involvement in riots and protests against the Formula One Grand Prix**

Because of the protests, the **2011 Formula One Grand Prix was cancelled**, although the race was staged last year. **Salah Abbas Habib Ahmad Mousa**, a 36-year old protestor, was **shot dead** by security forces during last year's demonstrations.

In **June 2011**, the **Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry** was established by the country's authorities to investigate **abuses** during the **2011 unrest**. It issued its report in November 2011, finding the Bahraini government responsible for gross human rights violations. But at least **26 individuals have died in protests since the report was released**.

Seventeen police officers have been tried or are currently undergoing trials in cases related to the protests. Eight have been acquitted, and six have been convicted and sentenced. Many other cases have been dismissed, with the authorities saying that police officers acted in self defence.

Thirteen imprisoned opposition leaders, activists and prisoners of conscience lost their final court appeal this year and stand **convicted of terror charges** due to their role in the 2011 uprisings.

According to the NGO Bahrain Watch, the **Bahraini government has recently spent at least US\$32 million on public relations firms to improve its image**.

Amnesty International has adopted **20 individuals as prisoners of conscience** - 14 have been in prison since they were arrested in 2011 and the rest were imprisoned in 2012.

At least **80 children under 18 are held in adult prisons** in Bahrain for participating in protests.

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