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## **Amnesty International report on Bahrain protest killings**

On 17 March Amnesty International will launch a short report about excessive use of force by Bahraini security forces during February's civil unrest in which seven people were killed, calling for accountability for those responsible.

The report, *Bloodied but Unbowed: Unwarranted State Violence against Bahraini protesters*, provides details of the Bahraini security forces' excessive use of force against peaceful protesters. Ambulance and medical staff were prevented from getting to the wounded and were beaten and injured by police. In the report Amnesty International will identify the countries of origin of some the ammunition found after the raid on Pearl Roundabout early on 17 February.

An Amnesty International team visited Bahrain between 20-26 February, meeting with families of those killed in the unrest, individuals injured during the protests, other witnesses, and hospital and mortuary staff, as well as government officials and human rights activists.

**When:** The report will be released on Thursday 17 March at 0001hrs GMT.

**Spokespeople:** Amnesty International spokespeople will be available for interview from London. A US-based doctor, specialized in emergency care, who was part of the team is also available for interview.

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