

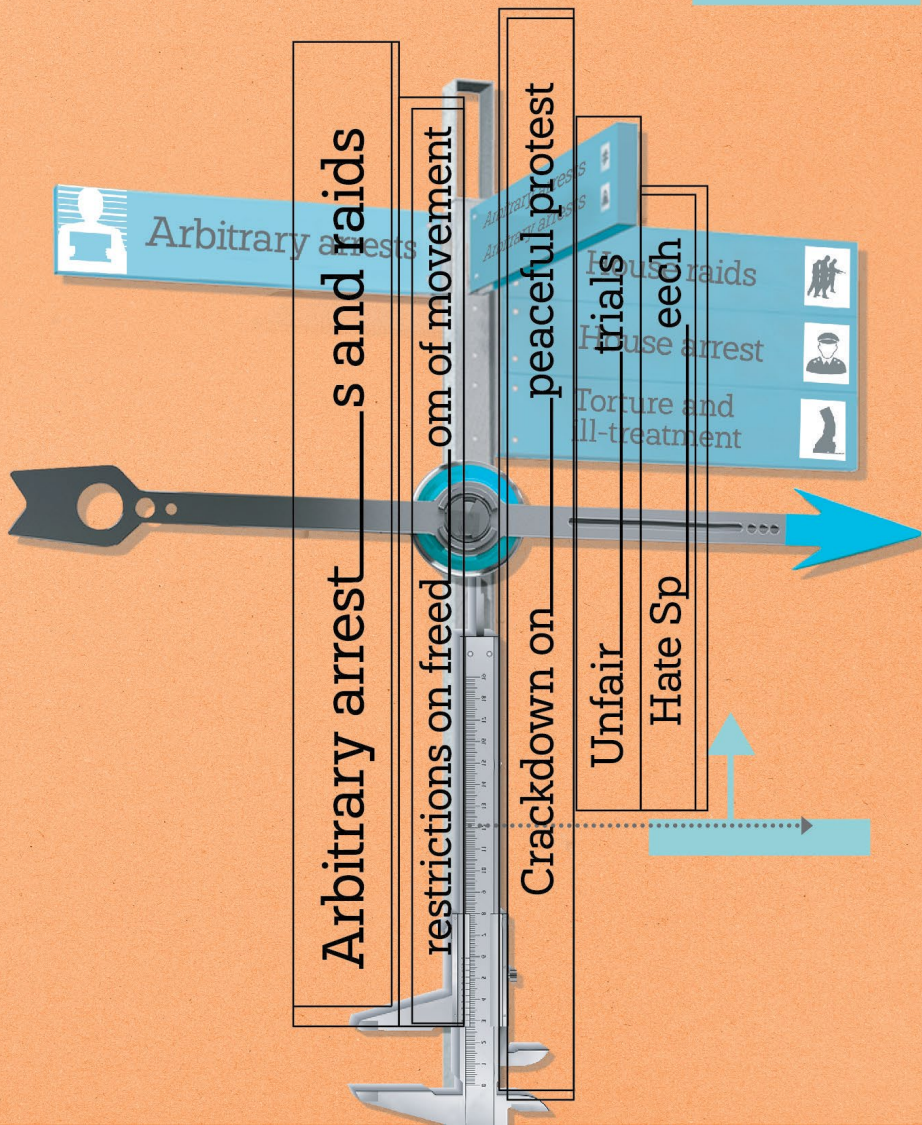
Monthly Indicator

Monthly report for examining the human rights situation and monitoring violations



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NUMERICAL SUMMARY

The human rights situation in Bahrain continued to deteriorate in May 2018. 1272 serious human rights violations were observed between the 1st and 31st of May 2018, including arbitrary arrests, house raids, unfair trials, crackdown on peaceful protests, restrictions on freedom of movement, prohibition of Friday prayers, media materials that incite hate speech, torture, ill-treatment, injuries, destruction or confiscation of property and violation of freedom of religion and belief.

The total violations were distributed as follows: 56 cases of arbitrary arrests, including 11 children and 2 women; 262 citizens received arbitrary sentences, which amounted in total to 2145 years and 6 months in prison and BD 8200, equivalent to approximately US \$21808, of total fines and bails; 51 cases of torture and ill-treatment, including 4 cases of deprivation of treatment; 330 media materials that incite hate speech; 88 illegal raids on houses and residential facilities; 72 crackdowns on peaceful gatherings and protests; 344 individuals who were arrested or accused were referred to court because of trials that violate freedom of expression and peaceful assembly; violation of freedom of

movement by the continuation of the siege on Duraz area for 709 days and the imposition of house arrest on the highest religious authority for the Shiite Muslims in Bahrain, Ayatollah Sheikh Isa Qassim, for 372 days without a judicial order or administrative decision; violation of freedom of religion and belief by prohibiting Friday prayer in Duraz 4 times in May, bringing the number of prohibitions to 98 times since 2016; 2 case of illegal confiscation of property; and 2 cases of destruction of property.

In May, Bahrain witnessed 252 protests, while since the beginning of the year the number of protests has reached 1692 even though there has been a complete ban on peaceful assembly for 1338 days. The number of arbitrary arrests since the beginning of the year has reached 423, including 66 children. Since 2012, the nationalities of 741 citizens have been revoked for political reasons. Moreover, since the beginning of the year, 526 illegal raids on houses and residential facilities have been conducted; 707 Bahraini citizens, including 5 women and 5 children, have been arbitrarily convicted; total sentences have amounted to 5034 years and 15 months in prison, in addition to a suspended 3-year jail term; total fines imposed on the arbitrarily convicted have amounted to US\$ 1,041,084; and 135 sentences of revocation of nationalities at several levels of litigation, 10 sentences of arbitrary deportation and 14 death sentences have been issued. The total number of human rights violations that occurred in January, February, March, April and May are 6788.

ARBITRARY ARRESTS

RAIDS AND RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

56 cases of arbitrary arrests, including 11 children and 2 women, have been monitored. As midnight raids continued, 88 illegal raids on houses and residential establishments were monitored; they were carried out without arrest warrants and in a manner that spreads terror among citizens. Moreover, the freedom of movement continued to be violated through the continuation of the security siege on Duraz for 709 days and the imposition of house arrest on the highest religious authority for Shiite Muslims in Bahrain, Ayatollah Sheikh Isa Qassim, for 372 days without a judicial order or administrative decision.

Meanwhile, the security authorities continued to violate freedom of religion and belief by banning Friday prayers in Duraz for 4 times in May, bringing the number to 98 preventions since 2016. In addition, 344 Bahraini citizens have been accused or detained in the Public Prosecution and presented to the Bahraini judiciary for reasons relating to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is noteworthy that 176 citizens were presented to the judiciary on just one day, May 15, 2018.

HATE SPEECH

330 MEDIA MATERIALS

330 media materials and messages that incite or help to incite hatred against human rights defenders, political activists and Bahraini citizens were observed in May. Those materials were distributed among 99 media articles published in the official press and 231 materials published on social media. The journalists, Faisal al-Sheikh, Farid Hassan, Mona Mutawa, Saeed al-Hamad, Sawsan al-Shaer, Fawzia al-Rasheed and Othman al-Majed continued to publish hate materials.

The hate-inciting media materials published in official press are distributed as follows: 22 articles in the Bahraini al-Ayam newspaper, 26 articles in the Bahraini Akhbar al-Khaleej newspaper, 11 articles in the Bahraini al-Bilad newspaper, and 34 articles in the Bahraini al-Watan newspaper.

Media personality Saeed al-Hamad, who is known for publishing hate speech, published four articles in Bahrain's al-Ayam newspaper and 6 tweets on social media containing provocative materials. Anonymous accounts comment on the tweets he publishes containing hate materials against the Shiite Muslims in

Bahrain.

In addition, 7 hate-inciting articles by journalist Faisal al-Sheikh were monitored. Some of the terms he uses to incite hatred are putschist, spy, traitor, etc.

Journalist Fareed Hassan published 8 hate articles last month, the highest among journalists as usual; Faisal al-Sheikh published 7 hate articles, while journalist Mona Mutawa published 31 hate materials on social media.

UNFAIR TRIALS

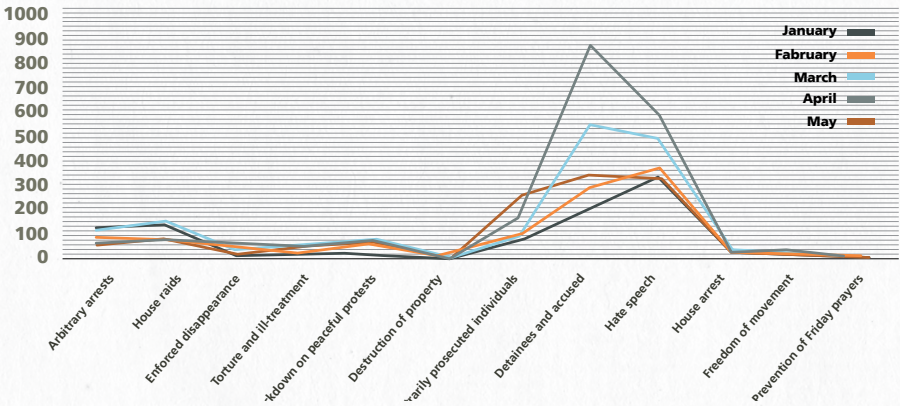
Arbitrary sentences continued to be issued this month against a number of citizens. 262 Bahraini citizens were arbitrarily sentenced, and the trials culminated on May 15, 2018, as 140 individuals were arbitrarily convicted. The total of all issued arbitrary sentences amounted to the following: 2145 years and 6 months in prison, BD 8,200 equivalent to approximately US \$21,808 of total fines and bails, and 32 sentences of revoking nationalities at different levels of litigation.

TORTURE, ILL-TREATMENT, ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

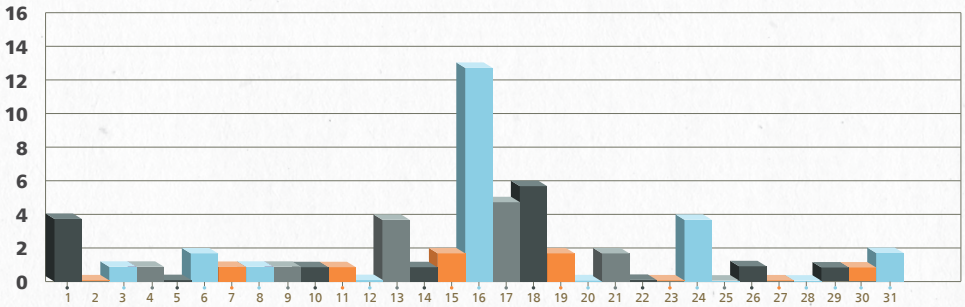
51 cases of torture and ill-treatment were observed, however, it was noted that the number of prisoners, who are being deprived of treatment as a means of torture and retaliation, has increased this month as well.

The forms of ill-treatment observed were: deprivation of attending funerals of prisoners' relatives, deprivation of making calls, deprivation of visits, solitary confinement and deprivation of education.

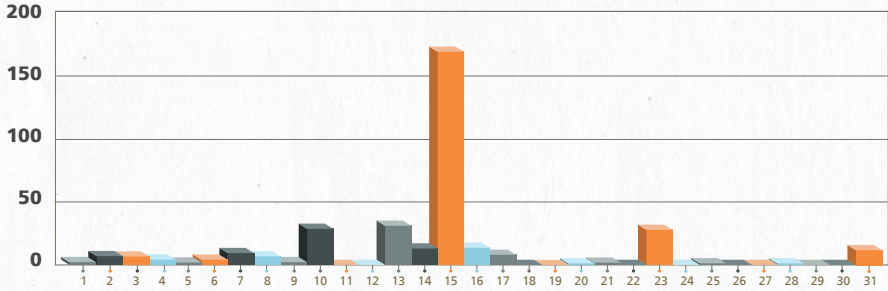
COMPARISON OF VIOLATIONS



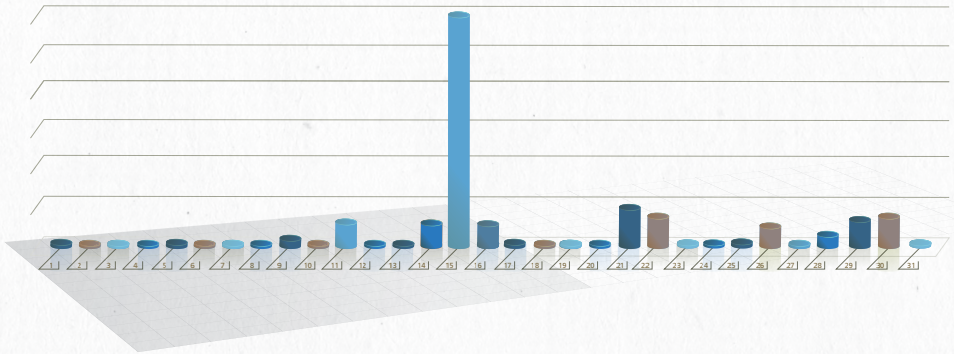
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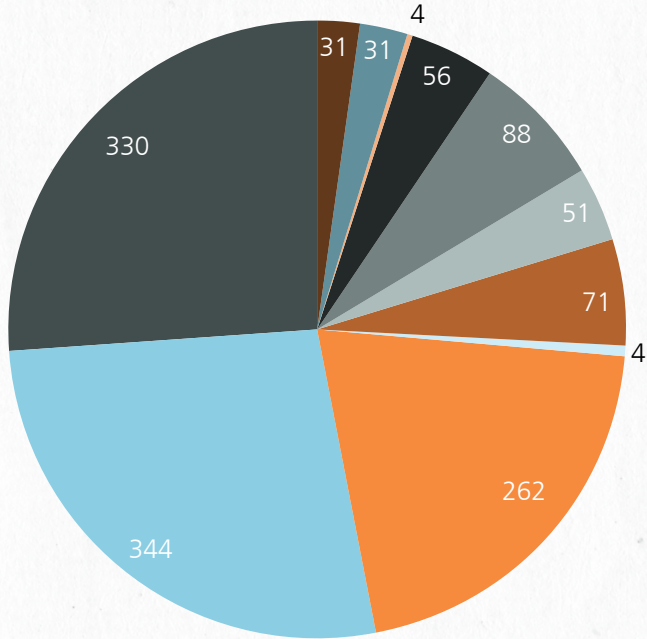
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DETAINED AND ACCUSED OVER POLITICAL CASES



ARBITRARILY CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS

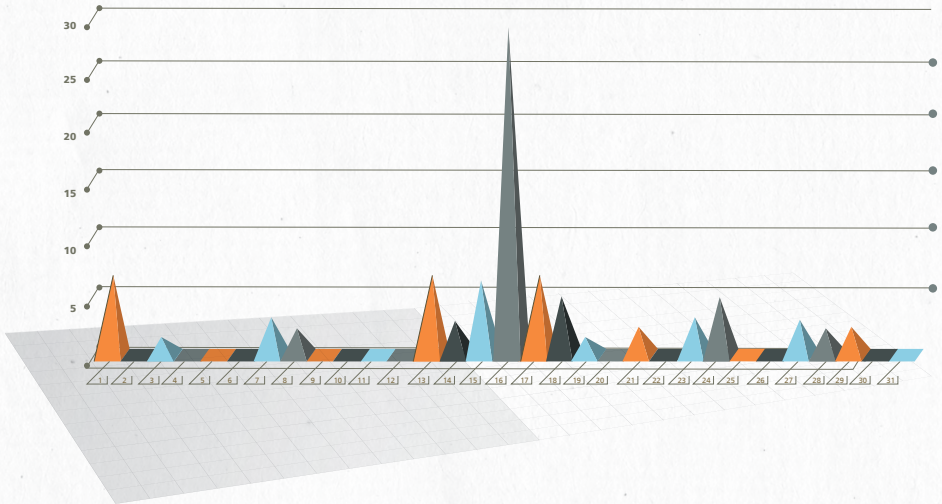


TOTAL VIOLATIONS

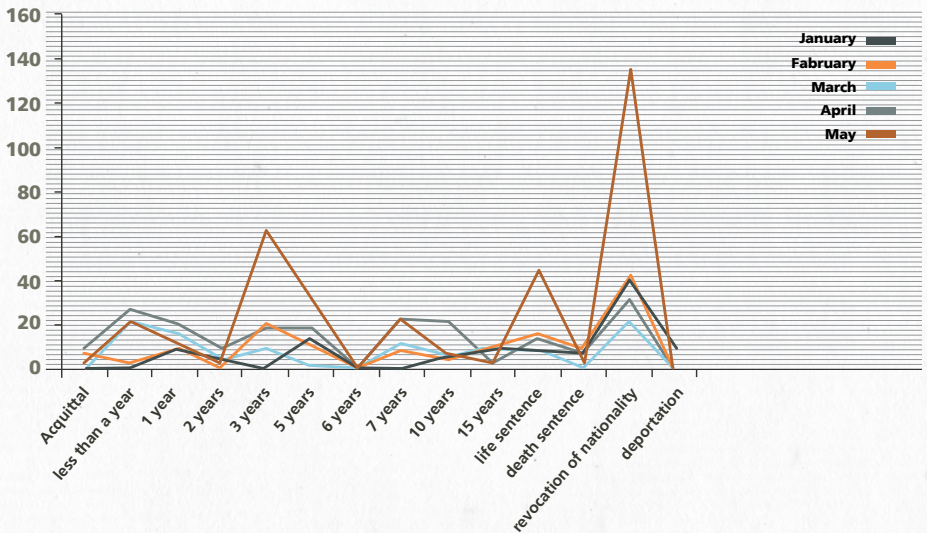


- Arbitrary arrests
- House raids
- Torture and ill-treatment
- Crackdown on peaceful protest
- Destruction and confiscation of property
- Arbitrarily convicted individuals
- Detainees and accused
- Hate speech
- House arrest
- Freedom of movement
- Prevention of Friday prayers

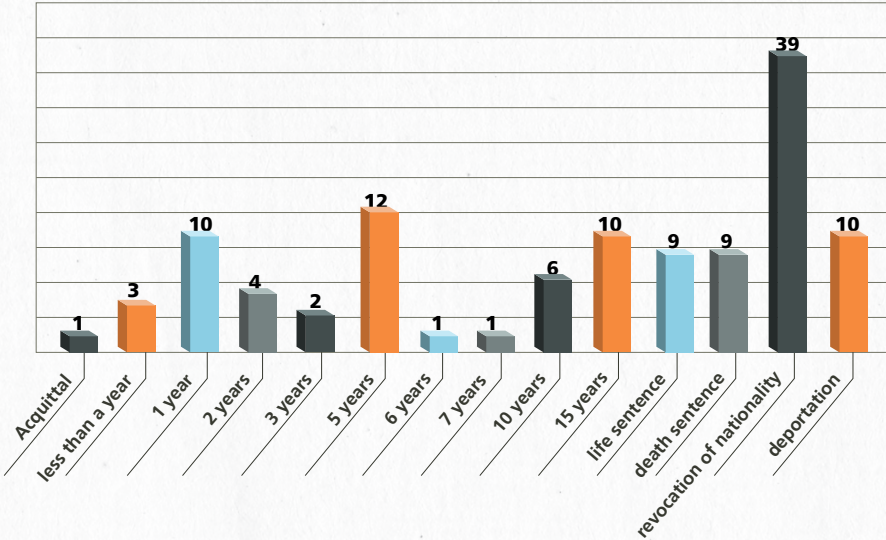
RAIDS ON HOUSES AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES



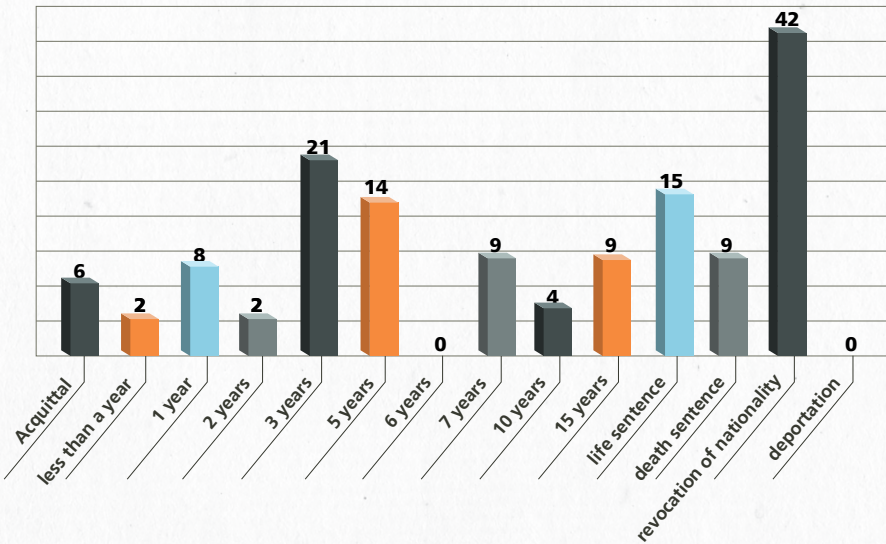
COMPARISON OF JUDGMENTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2018



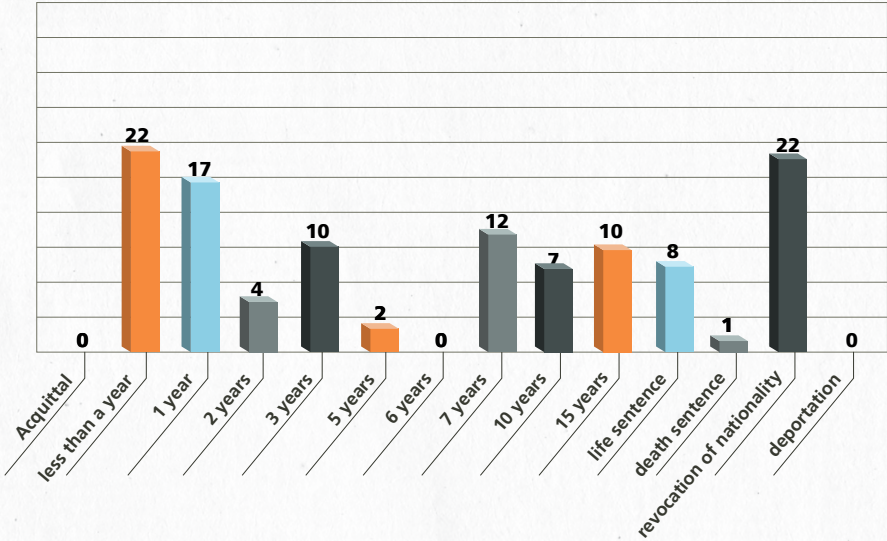
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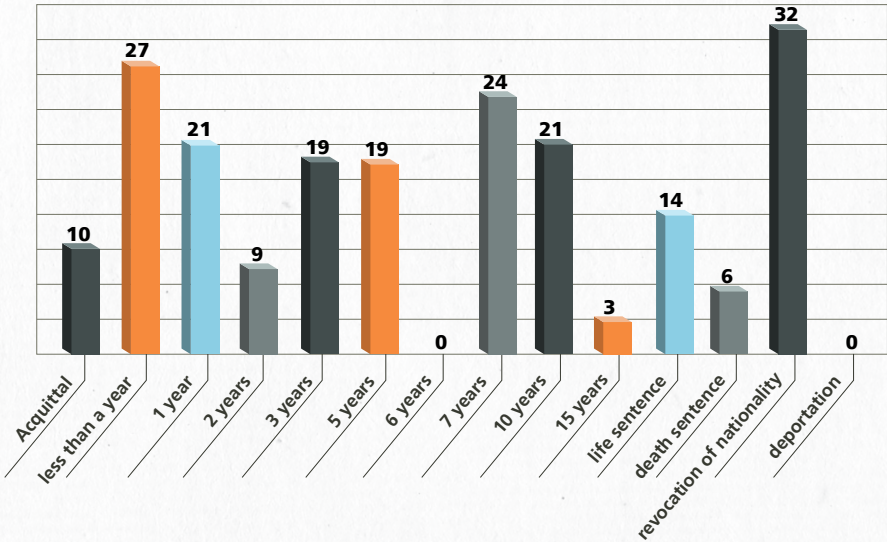
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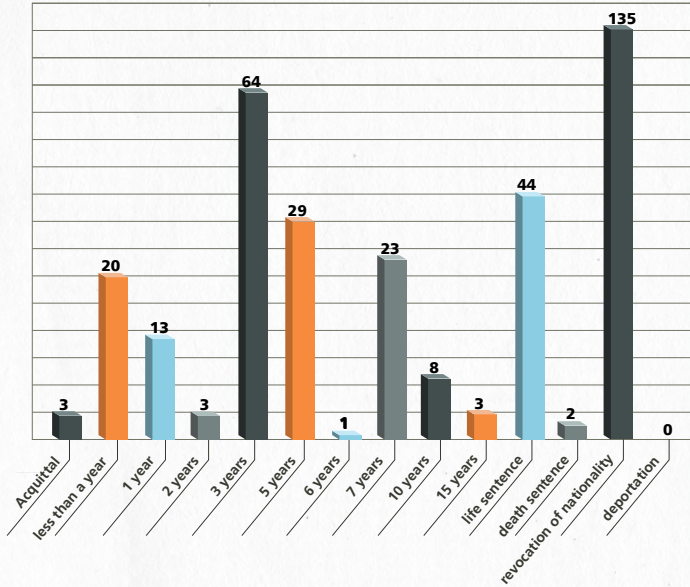
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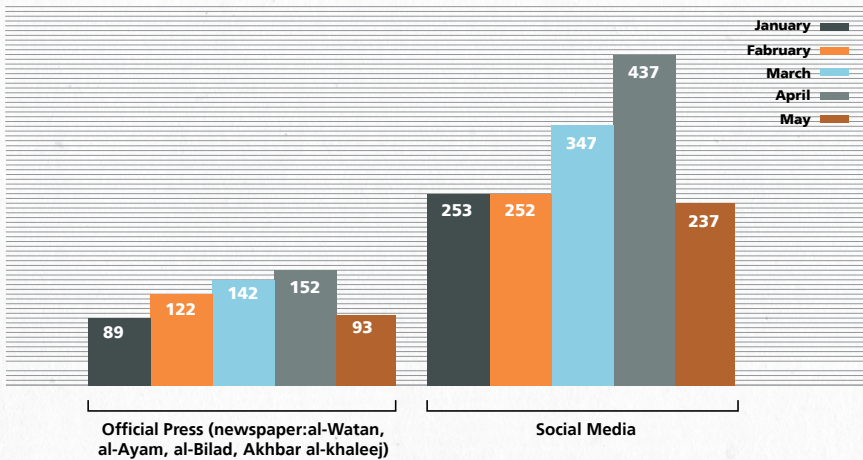
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ARBITRARY SENTENCES OF MAY



HATE SPEECH AMONG 5 MONTHS



HUMAN RIGHTS REGISTER

Since the beginning
of 2018



270 sentences of revocation of nationalities on several levels of litigation

6788 human rights violations



2079 hate materials in five months



1881 protests

201 cases of torture and ill-treatment



432 arbitrary arrests including 66 children



294 crackdowns on gatherings and protests

533 illegal raids on houses and residential facilities



707 citizens received arbitrary sentences



total arbitrary sentences:
5034 years and 5 months in prison



total fines imposed on the arbitrarily convicted individuals: more than one million dollars \$1041084

Detainees and accused 344



House arrest 31



Hate speech 330



Prevention of Friday prayers 4



Freedom of movement 31



Arbitrarily convicted individuals 262





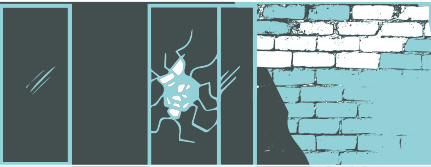
56

Arbitrary arrests



80

House raids



4

Destruction and
confiscation of property



51

Torture and ill-treatment



71

Crackdown
on peaceful protest

Total: 1272

HATE SPEECH INFOGRAPHIC



BAHRAINI AL-WATAN NEWSPAPER 34

Mona Mutawa

1



Faisal al-Sheikh

7



Sawsanal-Shaer

6



Fareed Hassan

8



BAHRAINI AL-AYAM NEWSPAPER 22

Salah al-Jawdar

1



Saeedal-Hamad

4



Othman al-Majed

6



AKHBARAL-KHALEEJ NEWSPAPER 26

SayedZhara

2



Tiflat al-Khalifa

1



Lotfi Nasr

1



FawziyaRashid

2



Abdul-Monem Ibrahim

2



BAHRAINI AL-BILAD NEWSPAPER 11

Buthaina Qassim

1



Tariq Al Shaikhan

1



Osama al-Majed

4



TOTAL 93

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