

## General allegation

### 104th session (15–19 September 2014)

#### Bahrain

13. On 24 September 2014, the Working Group transmitted information received from credible sources concerning obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

14. Specifically, the Working Group received reports on a pattern of short-time disappearances in Bahrain. According to the information received, the victims, including several persons below the age of 18, were arrested and detained by Bahraini security forces. After their arrest, they remained detained for a few hours to several weeks without their relatives being informed of their fate or whereabouts. It was reported that, upon inquiry of relatives of the victims, the authorities denied the detention. Furthermore, it has been alleged that, during the time of disappearance, the individuals were being ill-treated and even tortured for the purpose of extracting a confession.

15. It was reported that some of the victims were detained by the Criminal Investigation Directorate while they were disappeared.

16. 43. It was reported that a person below the age of 18 (a citizen of the United States of America) was arrested by Bahraini security forces in Ma'ameer on 10 March 2014. Allegedly, there was no information on the detention for few hours. According to the information received, persons associated with him were informed of his whereabouts only after the security forces had been informed that he was a citizen of the United States.

17. It was reported that Mr. Redha Mushaima, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 4 March 2014 by security forces at a friend's house. He allegedly remained disappeared for three days. During this time, he was allegedly detained at the Criminal Investigation Directorate and the Riffa police station.

18. It was reported that Mr. Sami Musheima, 39 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 3 March 2014 by security forces in civilian clothes. He remained disappeared until 23 March 2014. During this time, he was reportedly held at the Criminal Investigation Directorate and the Riffa police station.

19. It was reported that Mr. Ahmed al-Arab, 22 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested by security forces in Hamad Town on 9 January 2014. He allegedly remained disappeared until 10 February 2014. The case was transmitted by the Working Group to the Government of Bahrain as a joint urgent appeal on 17 January 2014 and under the urgent action procedure of the Working Group on 22 January 2014. The case was clarified at the 103rd session of the Working Group, in May 2014.

20. It was reported that a person below the age of 18 (a Bahraini national) was arrested on 8 January 2014 by security forces at a checkpoint in Murkh. When attempting to escape, the person was reportedly shot twice and then transported to the hospital. The individual allegedly remained disappeared for 15 days, and is currently detained at the Al-Qala'a hospital. The case was transmitted to the Government in a joint urgent appeal sent on 17 January 2014, to which the Government responded on 17 February.

21. It was reported that a person below the age of 18 (a Bahraini national) was arrested on 6 January 2014 by security forces at his father's home. He allegedly remained disappeared for three days.

22. It was reported that Mr. Yusuf al-Nashmi, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 18 August 2013 by security forces on the street. The person allegedly was disappeared until 27 August 2013. According to the reports received, the person was held during this time at the Dry Dock Prison.

23. It was reported that Mr. Mohamed Ahmed, 25 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 6 August 2013 by security forces. He allegedly remained disappeared for two days while he was detained at the Criminal Investigation Directorate.
24. It was reported that Mr. Sayed Muneer Sayed Habib, 32 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 28 May 2013 by security forces in civilian clothes. He allegedly remained disappeared for several days. During this time, he was allegedly detained at the Criminal Investigation Directorate.
25. It was reported that Mr. Maher al-Khabbaz, 28 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 19 February 2013 by plain-clothed security forces at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Manama. He allegedly remained disappeared for about a week. He remains in detention.
26. It was reported that Mr. Taleb Ali Mohammed, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 14 November 2012 by security forces and taken to the Criminal Investigation Directorate. He allegedly remained disappeared for eight days. He is currently detained in Jaw prison.
27. It was reported that Mr. Ebrahim Abdulla al-Sharqui, 27 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 8 November 2012 by security forces. He allegedly remained disappeared for three days.
28. It was reported that Mr. Ahmed Abdulla Ebrahim, 26 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested on 7 November 2012 by security forces and taken to the building of the Criminal Investigation Directorate. He allegedly disappeared for three days.
29. It was reported that a person below the age of 18 (a Bahraini national) was arrested on 25 July 2012 by security forces in Bilad al Qadim Village. The person allegedly remained disappeared for two days.
30. It was reported that a person below the age of 18 (a Bahraini national) was arrested on 23 July 2012 by security forces. The person allegedly remained disappeared for two days.
31. It was reported that Mr. Salah Abbas Habib Moussa, 36 years, a Bahraini national, was arrested by security forces on 20 April 2012 after participating in a protest. According to the information received, the day after, his body, which displayed signs of torture, was found on the roof of a building in Shakhoura village.