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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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