

**Annex 1 of 3: Selection of the SALAM DHR and partners' November 2019 midterm assessment on the fulfilment by the Government of Bahrain of its commitments under the Universal Periodic Review**

<b>Theme: D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment</b>				
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	114.17 Take steps to establish an independent, effective and well-resourced national preventive mechanism in compliance with Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture requirements (Ghana); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 20	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty	- See response to 114.124 and 114.4
2	114.81 Further implement measures on the protection of victims of mistreatment and torture and on the prosecution of perpetrators (Italy); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7a	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty	- See response to 114.80  <b>- No perpetrators are persecuted and there has been a lack of action to thoroughly investigate cases</b>
3	114.79 Investigate all allegations of torture and start prosecuting all individuals found responsible (Norway); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7a	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment B52 Impunity <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty	- See response to 114.80 and 114.81
4	114.83 Ensure the independence, impartiality and effectiveness of the Special Investigations Unit and other relevant human rights institutions in investigating all allegations of torture and other ill-treatment, unlawful killings and deaths in custody (Finland); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 15	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D26 Conditions of detention B51 Right to an effective remedy D21 Right to life <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty	- See response to 114.80 and 114.81  <b>- There has been a severe lack of independent inquiry into human right abuses and violations which is a critical issue in Bahrain</b>
5	114.94 Ensure that all allegations of enforced disappearances, torture or any other form of ill-treatment are independently, promptly and thoroughly investigated, and perpetrators are brought to justice in accordance with international rule of law standards (Germany); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7a	Supported	D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment D32 Enforced disappearances D33 Arbitrary arrest and detention D51 Administration of justice & fair trial B51 Right to an effective remedy	- See response to 114.35, 114.80 and 114.81

			B52 Impunity <b>Affected persons:</b> - disappeared persons	
<b>Theme: D26 Conditions of detention</b>				
6	114.112 Immediately and unconditionally release all prisoners of conscience imprisoned only for exercising their right to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly (Iceland); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7b	Supported	D26 Conditions of detention D43 Freedom of opinion and expression D44 Right to peaceful assembly D45 Freedom of association <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty	- <b>Political prisoners and prisoners of conscience are still imprisoned most notably Nabeel Rajab who is carrying out a 5-year sentence</b>  - <b>Human right defenders are targeted for speaking up and cooperating with international NGO's and organisations</b>
7	114.100 Release as soon as possible all individuals, including human rights defenders, having been imprisoned solely due to the exercise of their fundamental rights of expression and assembly (Norway); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7b	Supported	D26 Conditions of detention D43 Freedom of opinion and expression H1 Human rights defenders <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty - human rights defenders	- See response to 114.98 and 114.105
<b>Theme: B52 Impunity</b>				
8	114.80 Ensure accountability for perpetrators of torture and access by victims of torture to justice, redress and rehabilitation (Czechia); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7a	Supported	B52 Impunity B51 Right to an effective remedy D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment <b>Affected persons:</b> - persons deprived of their liberty	- <b>There have been none to very little follow up to provide support to victims of torture and the Ombudsman has not carried out thorough investigations into these allegations and the process has not been transparent</b>  - See response to 114.137
9	114.87 Promptly carry out an in-depth investigation into all allegations of torture and ill-treatment, such as the case of the three persons executed in January 2017, and bring those responsible to justice (Switzerland); <b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7a	Supported	B52 Impunity D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment <b>Affected persons:</b>	- See response to 114.80

			- persons deprived of their liberty	
10	<p>114.130 Guarantee the fight against impunity, ensuring that all those persons found guilty are brought to justice, in the context of allegations of the use of torture to obtain confessions from detainees (Luxembourg);</p> <p><b>Source of position:</b> A/HRC/36/3/Add.1 - Para. 7</p>	Supported	<p>B52 Impunity</p> <p>D25 Prohibition of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment</p> <p>D26 Conditions of detention</p> <p><b>Affected persons:</b></p> <p>- persons deprived of their liberty</p>	- See response to 114.80