

World Wide Organisation for Women
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Thank you Madam President, I am speaking in support of my colleague Dr. Nada Dhaif and indeed in solidarity with all of the persecuted women in Bahrain and their families.

The cases of the Doctors and Medics who were detained, tortured and tried in military courts are still pending. Some are still in prison, and all are paying a heavy price for doing their jobs, treating patients.

People still gather to demonstrate against the brutality of the Authorities. They are faced with bullets, CS gas and arbitrary detention.

Consequently, there is a number of people who are injured and mutilated and afraid to seek medical help at the hospitals which are still under military occupation. Victims are almost certain to be kidnapped from their hospital beds, if their wounds are considered suspicious or resulting from demonstrations.

There are families who have sold their homes to pay for their children to go abroad for medical care. Why? Because there are no doctors who can practise freely. For example there is only one licensed surgeon who can conduct kidney transplants in Bahrain.

Enmasse arbitrary arrest and detention of demonstrators has lead to squalid prison detention conditions that violate international standards.

According to credible verified information, about one hundred and fifty children were arbitrarily arrested and detained, many of them are still detained.

Regarding the attack on Human Rights Defenders that attended Geneva last May when your Excellency mentioned their case specifically and asked for protection, their work may appear to continue but the harassment has not stopped, it has gotten worse and its more offensive, because now the campaign is directed against their families and their children. Dr. Nada Dhaifs OWN children included.