

# Timeline

## Human Rights Crackdown: Nabeel Rajab 2011 - 2016

2011

**April - May**

Rajab was interrogated several times about statements he made on twitter and banned from travel for several months

**20 March**

Rajab was dragged from his house after midnight by masked security forces, who blindfolded and handcuffed him, then beated and ill-treated him.

2012

**06 June**

Rajab was arrested and detained until 27 June on charges of allegedly "libeling the citizens of the town of Muharraq." The case was linked to six tweets posted on 2 June, which were directed towards the Prime Minister of Bahrain, highlighting his corruption and calling him to step down.

**05 May**

Rajab was arrested and detained until 28 May on charges of alleged defamation of an official authority via Twitter. The judge ruled against him and ordered him to pay a fine of 300 Bahraini dinars.

**09 July**

The Primary Court sentenced Rajab to three months over the charges made against him on 6 June, and he was arrested immediately after.

**16 August**

Rajab received a three years' prison sentence over multiple charges - including "participation in illegal gathering" and "calling for a march over social media networks." During this period Rajab was subjected to degrading treatment and harassment.

**11 December**

The three years' prison sentence was reduced to two years after an appeal.

**2014**

**02 November**

Rajab was released on bail while the trial was ongoing. A travel ban was imposed on him.

**01 October**

Rajab was re-arrested and put in detention after a month-long advocacy trip to European capitals. He was charged for a single tweet, in which both the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Defense allege that he "denigrated government institutions."

**2015**

**02 April**

Rajab was arrested in relation to tweets and retweets on the war in Yemen, and also on allegations of torture in Jau prison after a prison riot in March 2015.

**20 January**

Rajab was sentenced to six months in prison on charges of "insulting the Ministry of Interior"

**13 July**

Rajab was released by royal decree on "health grounds," although his charges and travel ban were kept intact.

**2016**

**13 June**

Bahraini forces surrounded Rajab's home, arrested and put him in solitary confinement.

**02 August**

Despite lawyers' appeals asking for Rajab's release on the basis of his deteriorating health and the lack of evidence, Rajab remained in detention, and his trial was postponed, for the second time, to September 5.

**12 July**

On Rajab's first hearing since his arrest on 13 June, the court decided to postpone his trial to 2 August despite a request by his lawyers for his immediate release.



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