The Shura Council approved amendments to a law on public assemblies, protests and gatherings, to include a new paragraph on ‘banning demonstrations in Manama’. The Shura council stated, according to Al-Ayam newspaper, that the decree is ‘in response to the national assembly recommendations to make guidelines for organizing demonstrations, rallies, marches and sit-ins.’

Article 11 of the law will be replaced by the following text: “Demonstrations, rallies, marches, and sit-ins are banned, as is their continuation before sunrise or after sunset without a written permit from the head of public security or his designee.”

The law also stated that “demonstrations, rallies, marches, and sit-ins are banned from being organized in Manama. The exception is demonstrations in front of international organizations with written permission from the head of public security or his designee, who determines the number of participants, place and time of the sit-in.”