Al-Eker Under Siege Since Morning: House Raids and Arrest of At Least 10 Individuals


Eye witnesses stated that security forces are placing Al-Eker, Southeast of Manama, under siege. This comes hours before the Formula One Grand Pix, which Amnesty International said is used by the regime in Bahrain to cover up human rights violations.

Security forces have closed the town’s entrances and prevented people from entering or leaving and they were present in large numbers in the street with police dogs. Sources added that the town has been placed under siege for approximately 5 hours, during which dozens of houses were randomly raided and at least 10 individuals were arrested without legal warrants.

Moreover, it was reported that security forces assaulted residents, vandalized houses and, confiscated belongings, the same practices that were documented in the BICI report 3 years ago.

Yesterday was the funeral of martyr Husain Sharaf in Al-Eker, who died in a house fire. The funeral was attacked by security forces. Eye witnesses told Reuters that they heard several explosions during the clashes yesterday, however the Ministry of Interior did not comment on the incident.