Protests across Bahrain Demanding the Release of Salman


On 2 January 2015 after Friday’s prayers, many villages and areas in Bahrain staged protests demanding the release of Al-Wefaq’s Shaikh Ali Salman. Security forces responded by extensively firing tear gas which filled houses and caused infants, children and women to suffocate.

Large protests went out in Duraz protesting the arrest of Salman. Although, they were suppressed with tear gas, more protests were staged in the evening until late night; in addition to protests in the Capital Manama, protests and sit-ins were carried out at Salman’s hometown Bilad al-Qadeem and in front of his house.

Widespread protests were organized by villages along Budaiya road including Qadam, Muqsha, Karranah, Abu Saiba, Hejar, Shakhoora, Bani Jamra, Maqaba which were responded to by riot police.

Similarly, protests demanding Shaikh Ali Salman’s release went out in Quraifa and Juffair, two towns located near tourism sites, and also in Daih and Aali.

There were protests closeby to shopping malls and Farouq crossroad, known previously as the pearl roundabout, in Daih, Sanabis and Karbabad which lasted until late at night.

In the Western area, the protests were staged in all the villages from Boori to Demstan, Karzkan, Malkiya, Sadad and Dar Kulaib.
In Muharraq Island, protests were organized in Arad, Dair and Samaheej. Dair citizens demanded the release of Shaikh Ali Salman as well as two of their village residents who were sentenced to death in the case of killing the policeman Abdulwahed Sayed Moahmmed Faqeer, one to life and two to 6 years in prison.

There were also protested in Sitra Island, Eker, Nuwaidrat, Ma’ameer and Sanad.