On 20 October 2015, security forces arrested Sheikh Abdulzahraa al-Mubasher after he was summoned for interrogation.

According to activists, Sheikh Abdulzahraa has not been heard from since he was taken to the Criminal Investigation Directorate, which is known as a torture center.

Sheikh Abdulzahraa delivered a series of religious lectures during the Islamic month of Muharram as part of the activities in Nuwaidrat.

Youth have called for protests and sit-ins in response to Sheikh Abdulzahraa’s arbitrary arrest.

Sheikh Abdulzahraa is known for his participation in the pro-democracy movement.