

Bahrain arrests three more people on security-related charges

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Manama: Bahrain has arrested three more people on security-related charges, the official news agency said on Sunday.

Mohammad Habib Mansoor, aka Mohammad Habib Al Moqdad, Saeed Mirza, aka Saeed Al Noori, and Abdul Ghani Ali Isa Eisa Khonjar were arrested for their role alongside Abdul Jalil Al Singace and others in an organisation network targeting stability and security in Bahrain, an official from the National Security Agency (NSA) said, quoted by Bahrain News Agency (BNA).

Al Singace, the spokesman of Haq Movement for Liberties and Democracy was arrested on Friday morning at Bahrain airport upon his return from London.

"Investigations have revealed that the network included a division of roles and illegal activities as well as other matters targeting Bahrain's security, threatening social peace and putting people's lives and property at risk," the official said. "Incitement to use violence and terror acts, misusing religious places and eroding national values were among the network objectives."

According to the NSA official, the public prosecutor has issued a warrant to search the home of Al Singace after he was arrested.

"The investigations are still going on to arrest the other members of the network," the official said.

On Saturday evening, security authorities said that Al Singace had been arrested for inciting the use of violence and terrorist acts to undermine the country's stability

"Al Singace has refused to put an end to the incitement to use violence and terrorist acts to target private and public property through misusing the freedom of opinion and expression prevailing in the country," the source said in a statement.

Al Singace and Al Moqdad were among 35 Bahrainis arrested last year on charges of plotting terrorist attacks with homemade explosives in open areas where people celebrated Bahrain's National Day.

However, the accused were granted a royal pardon in April 2009.

Haq has never supported Bahrain's new constitution promulgated in 2002. The movement was formed in 2005 by a group of former members of Al Wefaq, Bahrain's largest political society and parliamentary bloc. The members splintered from Al Wefaq when it said that it recognised the political societies law and agreed to register officially with the justice and Islamic affairs ministry to take part in the 2006 elections, four years after boycotting them.

Haq has opposed the elections and has steadily vowed not to be part of the current political system.

Bahrain will hold its parliamentary and municipal elections on October 23 with the second round on October 30. Voters will elect 40 lawmakers and 40 municipal councilors.

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