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# Bahrain's Uprising



## Synopsis

While the revolutions known as the Arab Spring took place across many nations, attention has been disproportionately focused on the North African nations—Libya, Egypt, and Tunisia—while the quieter revolution in Bahrain has been largely ignored. *Bahrain's Uprising* rights that wrong, bringing together a roster of knowledgeable contributors—all of whom live or have lived in Bahrain—to reveal the social and political background to the revolution and its ongoing aftermath. Painting a picture of a nation defined by oil wealth and deep inequality, *Bahrain Uprising* offers a voice for the ordinary citizen, telling the story of the uprising and taking readers into the dynamic culture of street protests that continue to put pressure on the slowly changing monarchy. *Bahrain Uprising* will be an invaluable contribution to our understanding not just of Bahrain, but of the Arab Spring and grass-roots democratic movements in general.

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“*Bahrain's Uprising* transports readers back to the tumultuous, even giddy, period when, for a few weeks at least, anything seemed possible. Edited by Ala Shehabi, the daughter of a prominent figure in the Bahraini opposition in exile in the United Kingdom, and Marc Owen Jones, who grew up as an expatriate in Bahrain, the volume is unabashedly activist both in tone and in content and is an outgrowth of the Bahrain Watch web initiative established in 2012. . . . The book succeeds . . . in reconstructing an evocative and comprehensive account of what is, in large measure, the forgotten flashpoint of the Arab Spring.” (E-International

Relations) – “An essential read for anyone who wants to understand how a regime that has tortured, brutalised, and killed its own people can be regarded as a close ally of the UK. – (Red Pepper) – “What binds the essays is, first of all, that they are remarkably well crafted and share a sense of immediacy: many of the authors describe what they themselves saw and heard, and some go through the painful process of trying to express what it was like to be a political prisoner. (At least one of the contributors is currently imprisoned.) The essays also share an overarching sense of humanity, in that the book focuses on the experience of people, not members of specific religious or national groups. – (Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies)

Al Shehabi is a former policy analyst at Rand Europe and cofounder of Bahrain Watch. Marc Owen Jones is a member of Bahrain Watch, and has written extensively about Bahrain for CNN, Democracy Now!, and Index on Censorship, and is also a regular contributor to the Economist Intelligence Unit.

It provides a perspective on the events of 2011 that most official reports fail to share.

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