The Cost of Speaking Out In Bahrain

Since 2012, Bahrain’s courts have collectively sentenced at least 40 internet users to more than 842 months in prison for exercising their right to free expression. Nabeel Rajab is one of them.

Who is Nabeel Rajab?
- Defender of human rights for over 20 years
- Leader of non-violent protests in Bahrain’s 2011 uprising
- President of Bahrain Centre for Human Rights (BCHR) — a member of IFEX since 2007
- Businessman and father of two

Nabeel’s voice has been criminalised

He faces multiple trials and charges for:
- Reporting on torture at Bahrain’s Jau prison
- Tweeting about Bahrain and Saudi Arabia’s war in Yemen
- Publishing Letter from prison in New York Times
- Publishing Letter from prison in Le Monde

In 2 years he has suffered
- 3 arrests
- 4 emergency visits to hospital whilst in pre-trial detention
- 18 hearing postponements and delays
- 9 months in solitary confinement

Sentence
- He is facing up to 18 years in prison if convicted

As of 15 May 2017, he has already spent:
- 927 days under travel ban since 21 October 2014
- 336 days in pre-trial detention since 13 June 2016
- 37 days in hospital since 6 April 2017
- 4 emergency visits to hospital whilst in pre-trial detention

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Stand with @nabeelrajab by tweeting and sharing.

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