



A Chatham House Middle East & North Africa Programme Conference

Bahrain after the Bassiouni Commission

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The Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry, a royally appointed commission that has investigated the events of February and March 2011 in Bahrain, has now issued its detailed report on human rights violations and their political context. The report provides a window of opportunity for much-needed reform and reconciliation in a strategically important country that has undergone unprecedented political turbulence this year. Much, however, will depend on the actions that are taken in the coming weeks.

This invitation-only conference will bring together representatives of the Commission and the Bahraini government, leaders of political movements, human rights activists, diplomats, academics and investors for a frank and forward-looking debate about the next steps for Bahrain.

Draft Agenda

14.00 **Session 1: The BICI report and the government's response**

Professor Sir Nigel Rodley KBE, Professor of Law, University of Essex and Commissioner, Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry

Ambassador Alice Samaan, Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Chair: **Elizabeth Wilmshurst**, Associate Fellow, International Law Programme, Chatham House

15.15 Coffee break

15.45 **Session 2: The ways forward for Bahrain after the report: perspectives from political societies**

Sheikh Ali Salman, Al-Wefaq National Islamic Society

Dr Abdullatif Al-Mahmood, President, The Gathering of National Unity

Chair: **Lord Williams of Baglan**, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Chatham House

17.00 **Session 3: Ways forward for Bahrain: perspectives from young Bahrainis**

Suhail G. Al-Gosaibi, CEO, Falak Enterprise, Kingdom of Bahrain

Maryam Al Khawaja, Bahrain Centre for Human Rights

Mohammed Mattar, political activist

Chair: **Jane Kinninmont**, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House

18.00 End of conference

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