

## **Brok, Lochbihler and Niebler on the situation in Bahrain**

**The chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs Elmar Brok (EPP, DE), The chair of the subcommittee on Human Rights Barbara Lochbihler (Greens/EFA) and the chair of the Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula Angelika Niebler (EPP, DE) condemn the recent bomb attacks in Bahrain. Here is their full statement:**

"In our respective capacities as Chairs of, the Subcommittee on Human Rights, and the the Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula of the European Parliament, we would like to express our deep concern about the escalation of violence and the human rights situation in Bahrain.

We strongly condemn the recent fatal bomb attacks. There is absolutely no justification for such outrageous acts. We would like to convey our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and we hope for a quick and full recovery of those injured.

At the same time, we underline our continued concern over the human rights situation in Bahrain. Despite the constructive recommendations of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry and the commitments made by Bahrain in the Universal Periodic Review before the UN Human Rights Council, we have heard of new cases of arbitrary detentions and continued imprisonment of human rights defenders.

We therefore call on all parties to comply with international human rights standards and to resume in good faith a peaceful and constructive dialogue since this is the only sustainable way toward genuine political reform."

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