



UN Human Rights Council  
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Item 6

**Universal Periodic Review Process**  
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Thank you Madam President

We wish to thank you in advance, as I am not sure that our appreciation is heard otherwise, as the microphone cut out our thanks at the 19<sup>th</sup> session.

I would like to speak about the UPR Process, I feel there is an inconsistency in the process in Bahrain where civil society was not consulted on the report and our voices went unheard.

In relation to the process we would like to let the Council know that we feel intimidated by the government delegation here. They have been taking our pictures and bombarding our side events. They stir continuing media campaigns against us in Bahrain, despite the Council's insistence and warning against reprisals for human rights defenders coming to Geneva, and the need to safeguard immunity, in particular when we return home.

We have even been harassed inside the United Nations building itself.

Our freedom of expression is compromised even here in this historic place.

We are asking for your commitment so that the next four years of the United Nations process in the case of Bahrain will not be wasted.

Thank you.