Bahraini Women in the Bahraini Uprising: An Islamic-nationalistic movement or one with a feministic hue?

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Throughout the course of history, women have faced different forms of oppression and segregation. Through the three phases of feministic movements, women endeavored to get their rights and have an equal status in comparison to men. But Muslims believe that Islam gave women, rights at a time when women were greatly degraded and oppresses in the world.

Also, it’s essential to state that despite the fact that the western propaganda has manoeuvred on the indifference of Muslim women in their countries’ affairs, the truth is that their participation along with men in protests is a sign of their effective presence in the Islamic awakening.

The question this paper aims to answer is what are the demands of Bahraini women in the Islamic awakening? What motivated women to demand their rights in Bahrain in the uprisings since Feb 14 2011. This research will be carried out by the discourse analysis of the sayings of participants in the demonstrations as reflected in reports and also by library research.

According to Munira Fakhro, Bahraini academic and former parliamentary candidate, women demand the overthrow of their country’s despotic political regime, a more active role in politics, an end to corruption, gaining more equality between the sexes and greater rights for women.