



## **Bahrain: Concerns about the decision by Formula 1 to resume racing**

The undersigned organisations, are writing to express their concerns about the decision by Formula 1 to resume racing in Bahrain following the postponement of the Bahrain Grand Prix in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic, despite continuing abuses against protestors who oppose the event. The Grand Prix has become a flashpoint for protestors who see the event as 'sportswashing' Bahrain's worsening human rights situation, and proceeding with the event without taking steps to protect the right to peacefully protest it, including publicly opposing abuses against protestors, risks making sportswashing a reality.

Access the full letter [here](#)

Signatory organisations:

1. ACAT-France (Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture)
2. Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain (ADHRB)
3. Article 19
4. Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy (BIRD)
5. CIVICUS
6. Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
7. European Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (ECDHR)
8. Football Supporters Europe
9. Freedom House
10. Human Rights Watch
11. International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
12. International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)
13. World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)
14. Reprieve
15. Transparency International Germany
16. World Players Association


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