

Brian on Bahrain

Iowan Brian Terrell to give a first-hand account of the first anniversary of a revolution in the making.

**Monday, May 7, 2012
7:00—8:30 p.m.**

**Friends Meeting House
42nd and Grand
Des Moines**

In February 2011, in solidarity with the uprisings of the "Arab Spring," massive demonstrations rose in the island nation of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf. This call for justice and an end to the tyrannical regime was brutally put down by the monarchy with the help of the Saudi Army.

The resistance continues, and in advance of the one-year anniversary of the rebellion on February 14, 2012, the regime announced a ban on international human rights observers and severely limited access of the media to the country. Brian Terrell with Voices for Creative Non-violence was one of 11 activists from the US who answered an invitation from Bahraini human rights groups to witness the demonstrations and the government response to them.

After five days he was deported for alleged violations of his tourist visa. Bahrain is home port to the Fifth Fleet of the US Navy and a recipient of massive US military aid that the Obama administration is continuing over the objections of Congress. The revolution going on in Bahrain is an inspiring part of world events, and citizens of the US can support the people of Bahrain by demanding the end of money and diplomatic cover for a ruthless dictatorship.

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