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(SBU) Bahrain's Health Minister Nezar bin Sadeq al-Baharna resigned over the government's crackdown on pro-democracy protesters and Housing Minister Majeed bin Mohsen al-Alawi is boycotting cabinet meetings, according to press. Embassy Manama comments the two ministers were the most prominent Shiite members of the Cabinet and had held their positions only ten days since the most recent Cabinet reshuffle.

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