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**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 2:57 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Bahrain Update (SBU)

Latest

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**From:** Fogarty, Daniel J  
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**Cc:** S\_SpecialAssistants  
**Sent:** Mon Mar 14 14:53:27 2011  
**Subject:** FW: Bahrain Update (SBU)

Jake and Huma:

FYI, Ops has included below the latest developments in Bahrain.

Thanks,

Dan

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**From:** VuAT3@state.gov [mailto:VuAT3@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 1:34 PM  
**To:** Bahrain Unrest; NEA-ARP-DL; S\_SpecialAssistants; D(N); D(S); P; SES\_DutyDeputies; PA FO Group; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL  
**Cc:** Operations Center  
**Subject:** Bahrain Update (SBU)

(SBU) Although Shiite demonstrators blocked all three bridges leading from the island with the Bahrain International Airport and Manama, Embassy Manama reports Assistant Secretary Feltman was able to depart the airport. A/S Feltman is scheduled to meet with Crown Prince Salman, Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid, as well as Wefaq party leaders later March 14. Post confirms a second wave of military vehicles entered Bahrain via the causeway, including armored vehicles, Humvees pulling trailers, 18-wheel trucks, fuel trucks, and various utility vehicles headed to a training area south of Isa Air Base. Post notes UAE and Kuwaiti troops are scheduled to arrive as a part of the GCC Peninsula Shield Force. Protesters are reportedly departing the Pearl Roundabout to confront the Saudi armor. Post comments there have been no reports of violence against foreign troops. Masked Sunni vigilantes are stopping and searching vehicles in Muharraq. Post said there are ongoing reports of armed groups manning unofficial checkpoints in many areas of the country where Ministry of Interior (MOI) forces are present but not intervening. A MOI spokesman reported on Bahraini television 148 policemen were injured since March 13 and 17 individuals were attacked by gangs. The Bahraini Information Affairs Authority issued a statement on the arrival of the foreign troops, stating "the arrival of the first joint Peninsula Shield Forces to the Kingdom of Bahrain is due to the tragic events [Bahrain has witnessed] that have shaken the security and terrorized peaceful citizens and residents." Upon the arrival of the foreign troops, post re-issued security and warden notices advising all American citizens to remain in their residences until further notice. Post adds there is no indication AmCits are being targeted or threatened. Spontaneous demonstrations and violence are expected throughout the next several days.