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Abbreviations

AI	Amnesty International
BCHR	Bahrain Centre for Human Rights
BDF	Bahrain Defence Force
BICI	Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry
BNA	Bahrain News Agency
BNC	Bahrain National Congress
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CNU	Committee of National Union
GCCPS	Gulf Cooperation Council Peninsula Shield
HEC	Higher Executive Committee
IAA	Information Affairs Authority
IFLB	Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain
HRW	Human Rights Watch
NLF	National Liberation Front
SIS	Security and Intelligence Services
SIU	Special Investigation Unit
MOI	Ministry of the Interior
NSA	National Security Agency
PSF	Public Security Forces

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