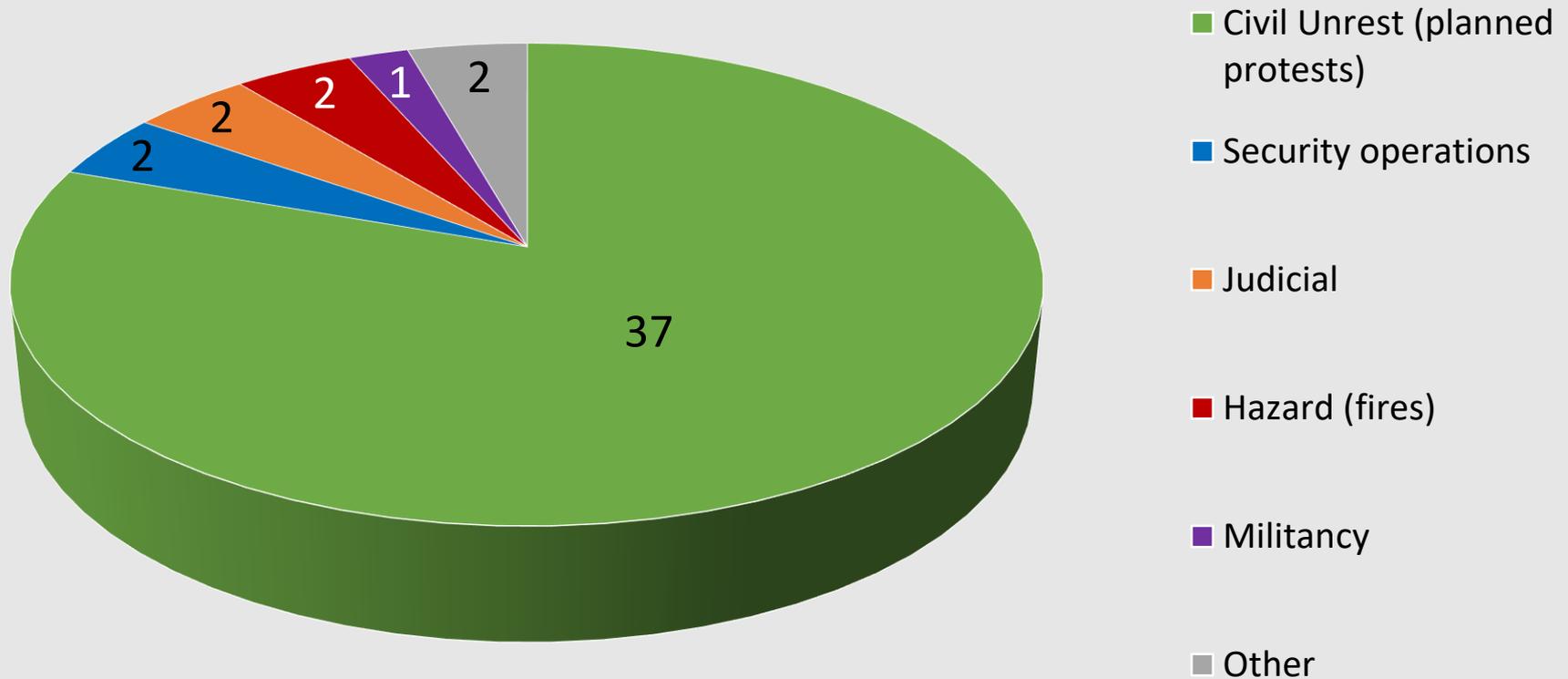


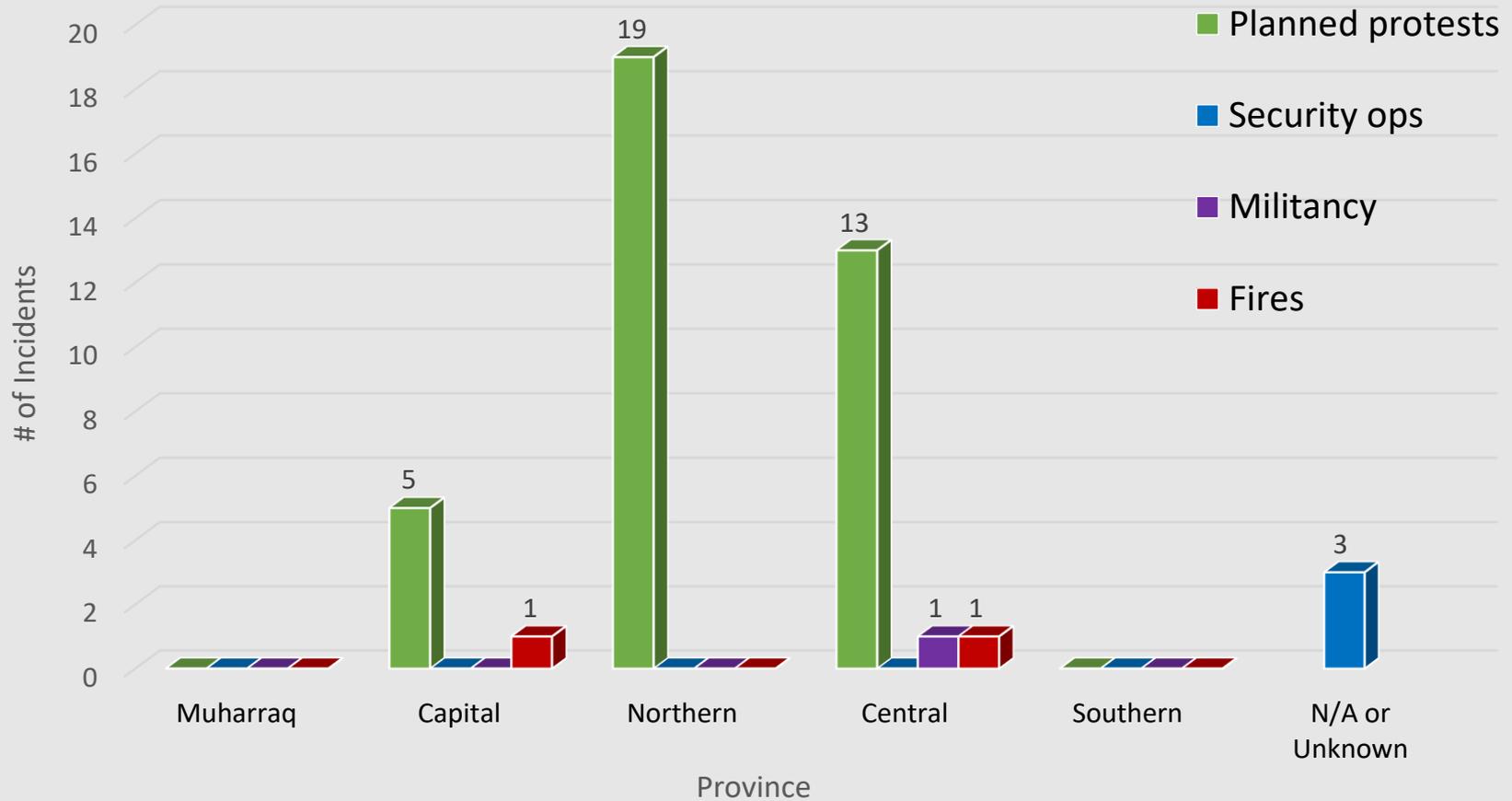
A grayscale image of the Earth with a magnifying glass focusing on the Middle East region. The magnifying glass is positioned over the Arabian Peninsula, highlighting the area of interest. The rest of the globe is shown in a darker, less detailed view.

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Type of Incidents



Locations of Incidents

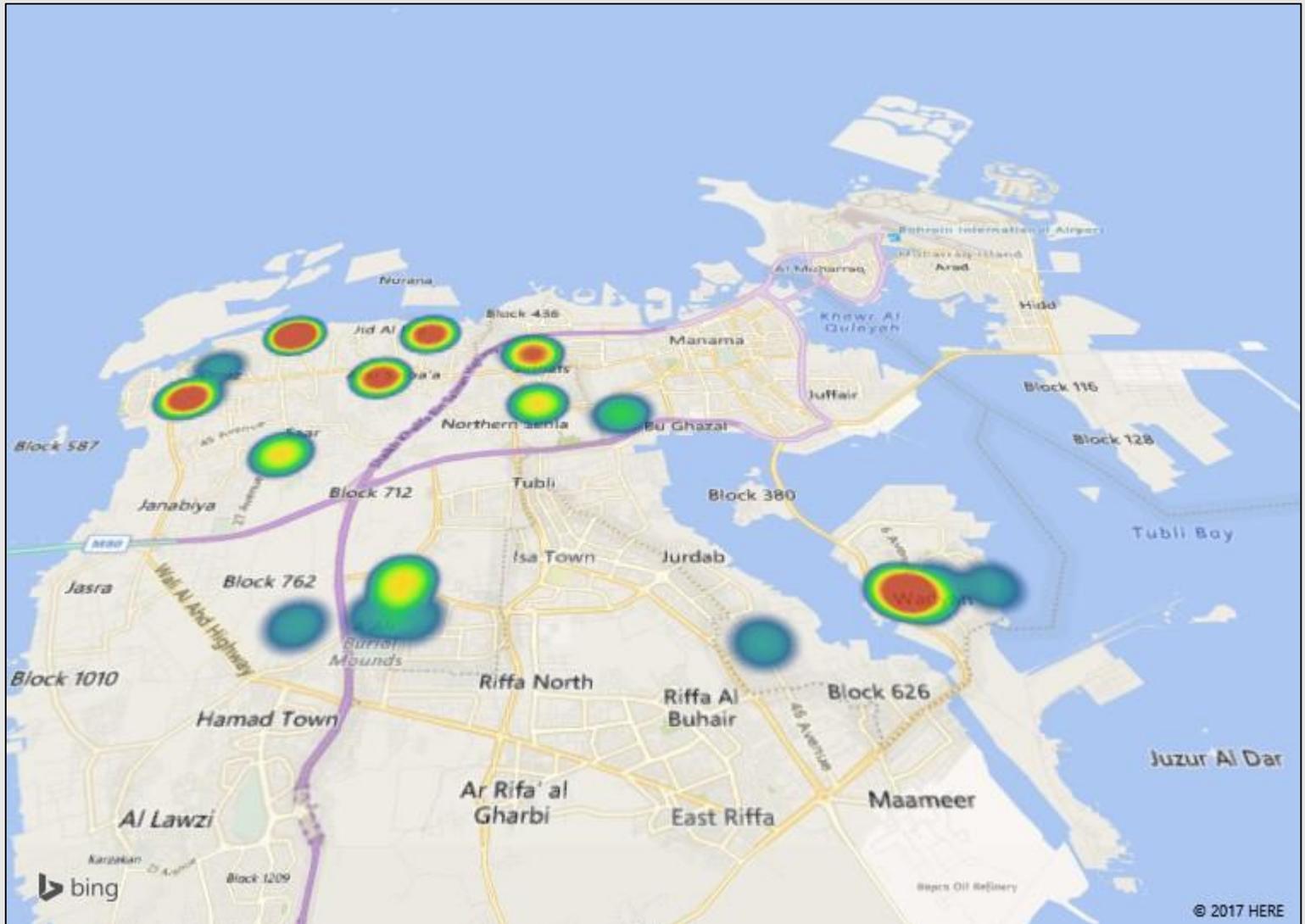


ZOOM IN: Planned protests

High



Low



Summary & Analysis

Militancy

- ✓ The **one incident of militancy** involved a shooting attack in Salmabad on Wednesday, May 15. There were no injuries.
- ✓ This marks an **85.7% decline** from February, which saw seven IED attacks.
- ✓ This decline may be attributed to **two** announced arrest operations:
 1. On March 4, in which **25 members** of a 54-member Shiite militant group comprised of local and foreign members were arrested
 2. On March 26, in which **14 members** of an Iran-backed group planning assassinations arrested

Opposition activity

- ✓ Civil unrest this month was largely tied to **two symbolic dates** related to the 2011 protests, namely, **March 14**, which marked the anniversary of GCC Peninsula Shield Forces' entry to Bahrain, and the **March 18** anniversary of the demolition of the Pearl Monument at the former Pearl Roundabout.
- ✓ Prominent opposition leader Ibrahim Sharif, founding member of Wa'ad was charged on March 20 with "inciting hatred".

Other notable points

- ✓ The **electronics ban** announced by the US on March 22 **does not** impact Bahrain, but does affect airports in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, and the UAE.
- ✓ On March 16, German police arrested **one Shiite suspect** wanted by Bahrain. The abovementioned 4 member militant cell included one individual in Germany, likely this detainee.

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