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----- Original Message -----From: Burns, Jillian L Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 08:38 AM To: Sullivan, Jacob J Cc: Sokolsky, Richard D Subject: Fw: AP: Saudi soldier killed in Bahrain by protester

A bad situation gets worse. The optics of all this happening right after Gates' visit is very unhelpful.

Original Message		
From: jillianburns		
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 08:27 AM		
To: Burns, Jillian L		
Subject: AP: Saudi soldier killed in Bahrain by protester		

AP, CAIRO - A security official says a Saudi soldier who was part of the troops deployed to Bahrain to help the tiny island nation deal with the Shiite-led opposition uprising has been shot dead by a protester in the capital, Manama. The Saudi official says the shooting took place on Tuesday when a person from the crowd of protesters shot at the Saudi troops. The official says the victim, Ahmed al-Raddadi, was a sergeant in the Saudi military. No other details were immediately available. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media. A 1,000-strong force from Saudi Arabia and other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council arrived in Bahrain on Monday. Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry