

A life sentence for 14 Bani Jamra youth

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The Fourth High Criminal Court, headed by Chief Judge Ali Khalifa al-Dhahrani, together with judges Jamal Awad and Shaikh Hamad Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, sentenced fourteen individuals to life in prison after convicting them of carrying out a bombing in Bani Jamra.

The defendants, between 17 and 24 years of age, are: Ali Ahmed Ibrahim, Hussein Ali Mohammed Fardan, Mohammed Jaafar Mohammed, Dhia Muhammad Ali, Ahmed Mohammed al-Arab, Ali Abdulameer Ali, Jaffar Hussain Mohammed, Ammar Mohammed Hussein, Kadhem Abdullah Jaafar, Mohammad Jamil Hussein al-Jamri, Sayed Mustafa Amin Ibrahim, Sayed Mustafa Ali Jafar, Hassan Abdullah al-Gasra, and Hussein Abdul Jalil Hussein.

The witness for the prosecution, an officer who both investigated the case and interrogated the suspects, stated in one hearing that he learned the suspects' names from "secret sources" residing in Bani Jamra. He pointed to plans for a rally which circulated on social media before the bombing, saying that it was easy to identify the perpetrators from this information.

The defense team called for their release.

On 29 May 2013, the public prosecutor charged them with:

First: the attempted premeditated murder of policemen.

Second: the use of explosives in a public place for terrorist aims.

Third: the acquisition of explosive devices without Ministry of Interior permission, for the purpose of disrupting security.

Fourth: setting a fire which risked lives and property.

Fifth: vandalizing property belonging to the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Health.

