The Ministry of Interior alleged that it identified members of the “Saraya al-Ashrar” organization. It said in a statement on 6 June, that “a number of field leaders and members” were arrested.

The national television broadcasted confessions of several of the arrested young men, four of whom talked about being trained in Iraq and receiving support from Iran.

Based on the alleged confessions, the defendants received military training from an Iraqi “Hezb Allah” member. The training included making explosives bottles and using explosives like C4 and TNT. The television also broadcasted pictures of Kalashnikovs, PKCs, and RBJs.

Activists doubted this new scenario announced by the authorities. They talked about an escalation by the authorities which fabricated this especially in the current circumstances in which they’re accused of committing crimes and human rights violations, in addition to supporting and incubating extremist groups.

Others believe that arresting and fabricating charges against citizens is being used to cover up the trials and harsh sentences against citizens and activists, including the trial of Al Wefaq’s General Secretary Shaikh Ali Salman after less than two weeks.

Human rights activists confirmed that these confessions cannot be considered valid because of the bad reputation of the security forces which torture defendants to force them into confession.