After Embarrassment in Geneva, Ministry of Interior Tries to Elude Facts by Producing Video about Jau Prison

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Prince Ra’ad, ordered the creation of an investigation unit to monitor the situation in Jau Prison on the day of the opening of the 29th session of the Human Rights Council and after Dr. al-Singace entered the 100th day of his hunger strike in protest of the continuous violations and torture against prisoners of conscience. The Ministry of Interior of Bahrain produced an 8 minute video report about Jau Prison.

The MOI chose to produce the video in English to make it easier to change the facts and to try to stop the international objections to the ongoing violations in Jau Prison.
The MOI video presents its members as victims of the violence of detainees, showing some MOI members injured due to the attack of prisoners (as the video tries to depict).

But the long video report did not show any injuries, beating or wounds for any of the detainees. It failed to cover those who had their teeth broken, such as Abbas Al Sameea, who has been sentenced to the death penalty. The video also did not show the tons of detainees who have different impairments due to torture.

An activist said to Bahrain Alyoum: “The video confirms the necessity of creating an investigation unit as the High Commissioner has ordered.” He added: “The MOI is one of the parts involved and not a judge here, so its claims are untrusted and doubted by international organizations. Only the government and its allies believe its lies.”