

What happened to the medics who treated the injured and the wounded in Bahrain?

1. The Court acquitted nine and convicted 11 of the medics out of the group of 20 (felony charges) who had been accused of occupation of a hospital they worked in, and the possession of Kalashnikovs, based on the verdict of the Supreme Court of Appeal issued on 14/6/2012, and upheld by the Court of Cassation on 1/10/2012.

No	Name	Medical Specialization	Sentence Against
1	Dr. Ali Al-Ekri	Consultant Paediatric Orthopedic Surgeon – M.O.H	5 years imprisonment
2	Ebrahim Al Demestani	Alba First Aider	3 years imprisonment
3	Dr. Ghassan Dhaif	Consultant Maxillo Facial Surgeon – M.O.H	1 years Jail
4	Dr. Saeed Al-Samaheji	Specialist Ophthalmic Surgeon – M.O.H	1 years Jail
5	Dr. Mahmood Asgher	Consultant Pediatric Surgeon – M.O.H	6 months Jail
6	Dhiya'a Ebrahim Jaffar	ICU Specialist Nurse – M.O.H	Two months Jail
7	Dr. Bassem Dhaif	Consultant Orthopedic and Sports Medicine – M.O.H	One months Jail
8	Dr. Nader Dewani	Consultant Pediatrician and Neonatologist – M.O.H	One months Jail
9	Dr. A. Khaleq Al-Oraibi	Specialist Rheumatologist and Internal Medicine – M.O.H	One months Jail
10	Dr. Zahra'a Al-Sammak	Consultant Anesthetist M.O.H	Acquitted
11	Dr. Hassan Mohammed Saeed	Consultant & Head of ICU – M.O.H	Acquitted
12	Dr. Fatima Haji	Specialist Rheumatologist and internal medicine – M.O.H	Acquitted
13	Dr. Rula Al-Saffar	Assissten professor/ Head of Emergency Nursing Program – M.O.H	Acquitted
14	Dr. Ahmed Omran	Consultant Family Medicine, Studies & Research – M.O.H	Acquitted
15	Dr. Nada Dhaif	Private – Dental and Oral Surgeon	Acquitted
16	Dr. Najah Khalil	Consultant Family Medicine & Vice President Medics – M.O.H	Acquitted
17	Sayed Marhoon Al-Wedae'e	First Aider & Head of Rescue Division – M.O.H	Acquitted

18	Mohammed Fa'eq Shehab	Head of Auxiliary Medical Services (Lab's & Blood Bank) – M.O.H	Acquitted
19	Dr. Qassim Omran	Consultant Intensivist and Sleep Disturbances – M.O.H	15 years imprisonment (in absentia)
20	Ali Al-Saddadi	Medical Services Assistant (Kitchen) - M.O.H	15 years imprisonment (in absentia)

2. Five medical doctors and a nurse were re-arrested on 2/10/2012 and unjust verdicts issued against them were executed. They are:

No	Name	Medical Specialization	Sentence Against
1	Dr. Ali Al-Ekri	Consultant Paediatric Orthopedic Surgeon – M.O.H	5 years imprisonment
2	Ebrahim Al Demestani	Alba First Aider	3 years imprisonment
3	Dr. Ghassan Dhaif	Consultant Maxillo Facial Surgeon – M.O.H	1 year jail
4	Dr. Saeed Al-Samaheji	Specialist Ophthalmic Surgeon – M.O.H	1 year jail
5	Dr. Mahmood Asgher	Consultant Pediatric Surgeon – M.O.H	6 months jail
6	Dhiya'a Ebrahim Jaffar	ICU Specialist Nurse – M.O.H	Two months jail

3. The Prosecution ignored the fact that most of the medics had been tortured in Bahrain jails as documented by the Bahraini Independent Commission of Inquiry (B.I.C.I). It only listed four male and female doctors – out of a total of 48 who were arrested and tortured in Bahraini jails – in a lawsuit it filed against the two officers Mubarak bin Huwail and Noora Al-Khalifa, accusing them of torturing the medics. This case is also heading for acquittal just like other cases of torture and killing of citizens. The Prosecution and the judiciary have not raised any cases against those accused of torturing other medics up until now despite the fact that over one year has lapsed since the date of filing of reports and the opening of the torture file officially at the Prosecution. This proves the non-seriousness in punishing the torturers, which is a continuation of the policy of escaping punishment as described by Mr. Bessiyoni in the B.I.C.I report.
4. The Court acquitted five and convicted 23 of the medics and health workers in Bahrain to 3 months in jail – and a BD 200/- bail to stop execution – out the group of 28 medics (misdemeanor cases) accused of taking part in marches to demand the dismissal of the Minister of Health who had prevented aiding the injured and the publication of that prevention, and the rejection of that shameful act by the Minister. This was based on the

verdict by the Minor Criminal Court – Third Chamber issued on 21/11/2012. It shall be adjudicated again in the Appeal Court on 21/3/2013.

No	Name	Medical Specialization	Sentence Against
1	Dr. Sadiq Jaffar	Pediatrician – M.O.H	3 months Jail
2	Dr. Aref Rajab	Consultant Maxillo Facial Surgeon – M.O.H	3 months Jail
3	Dr. Abdul Shaheed Fadel	Consultant Plastic Surgeon – M.O.H	3 months Jail
4	Dr. Nabeel Hameed	Consultant Neurosurgeon – M.O.H	3 months Jail
5	Dr. Donya Al-Hashemi	Consultant Pediatric Emergency	3 months Jail
6	Dr. Naira Sarhan	Consultant Family Medicine – M.O.H	3 months Jail
7	Dr. Jalila Al-Aa'li	Consultant Diabetologist and Endocrinologist and internal Medicine – M.O.H	3 months Jail
8	Dr. Nehad Al-Shirawi	Consultant ICU & Respiratory – M.O.H	3 months Jail
9	Dr. Nabeel Tamam	Consultant Ent – M.O.H	3 months Jail
10	Dr. Abdula Al-Derazi	General Surgeon – M.O.H	3 months Jail
11	Dr. Khulood Al-Sayad	Obstetrician & Gynecologist – M.O.H	3 months Jail
12	Abdul Ameer Salman	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	3 months Jail
13	Abdul Kareem Saleh	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	3 months Jail
14	Ameen Jaffar Abdulla	Aider – M.O.H	3 months Jail
15	Ali Saeed	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	3 months Jail
16	Hamza Hussain Isa	Medical Services Assistant (Emergency) - M.O.H	3 months Jail
17	Jameela Abdul Hussain	O.T. Nurse – M.O.H	3 months Jail
18	Ebrahim Hassan Ali	Aider – M.O.H	3 months Jail
19	Ebrahim Al-Demestani	Medical Services Assistant – M.O.H	3 months Jail
20	Hassan Ali Al-Saafi	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	3 months Jail
21	Hani Al-Aswad	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	3 months Jail
22	Sayed Adnan Attiyah	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	3 months Jail
23	Mohammed Ali Fateel	Assistant Ambulance Services	3 months Jail

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24	Dr. Kholood Al-Derazi	Consultant Obstetrician, Gynecologist and Infertility – M.O.H	Acquitted
25	Dr. Sadiq Abdulla	Consultant Vascular and Transplant Surgeon – M.O.H	Acquitted
26	Ali Ahmed Ghanem	Aider – M.O.H	Acquitted
27	Jaffar Salman Ahmed	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	Acquitted
28	Abdul Hussain Al-Ghanami	Assistant Ambulance Services – M.O.H	Acquitted

5. Some of the medics were arrested and tried individually – each separately where they were sentenced to different jail terms. They are:

No	Name	Medical Specialization	Sentence Against
1	Hassan Maatooq	Specialist Emergency Nurse – M.O.H	3 years imprisonment (spent two)
2	Ahmed Al-Moshattet	Pharmacist – M.O.H	2 years imprisonment (about to complete)
3	Haleema Al-Sabbagh	Medical Services Assistant (Dental) – M.O.H	One year imprisonment (currently serving)
4	Younus Ashoori	Administrator (Muharraq) Maternity Hospital Manager) – M.O.H	One year imprisonment (served the sentence and released)

6. Medics in the group of twenty case (felonies case) are still suspended from work at the M.O.H since April 2011. The Medical Licences Division affiliated to the Minister of Health is still refraining from granting them licences to work at private medicine. This kind of conduct is very much like cutting someone's bread. After the verdict by the Court of Appeal on 14/6/2012, upheld by the Court of Cassation on 1/10/2012 the M.O.H did the following:

- Dismissal of seven doctors and a nurse (eight medical personnel) from their jobs at the Ministry of Health. They were served termination notices early February 2013, and the dismissal date was backdated to 14/6/2012 (Date of Appeal Court Verdict), despite the fact that the termination notices to the doctors were dated 15/8/2012, which means that the decision was taken about two months after the Appeal Court verdict, and before the final verdict by the Court of Cassation. This clearly demonstrates the disrespect by the M.O.H and the Civil Service Bureau for any law or

court decision, and the fact that their decisions are based on antagonism, stubbornness and insistence on revenge to satisfy personal desires. Despite their grievances and their addressing of the Minister in their grievances, the Ministry of Health is ignoring that deliberately and is not presenting their grievances to the Grievance Committee.

- The Medical Licensing Body in Bahrain is delaying and refraining from granting licences to those dismissed doctors to enable them to work in private medicine, although some of them had submitted their applications since February 2012. They had demanded the approval of their licenses by the M.O.H before their dismissal. They also demanded a copy of the verdict, the content of which they were aware of, which reflects a government delay and cooperation to deprive the doctors their right to work, and reveals an ill – intention to prevent them totally and completely from practicing medicine.

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1	Dr. Ali Al-Ekri	Consultant Paediatric Orthopedic Surgeon – M.O.H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissed from service with the M.O.H • Prevented so far from working in Private Medicine • All his financial dues suspended
2	Dr. Ghassan Dhaif	Consultant Maxillo Facial Surgeon – M.O.H	
3	Dr. Saeed Al-Samaheji	Specialist Ophthalmic Surgeon – M.O.H	
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