According to recent reports, Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) hired 400 new employees and none of them were Shia.

The source said that the company “Had 400 vacancies. None of the interviewees were Shia. Also, all applicants who were hired were from one sect only, including a newly naturalized Egyptian.”

During the period of Emergency Law in 2011, Bapco sacked approximately 400 Shia employees. The company did not reinstate any employee until March 11, 2012 when the first tripartite agreement was signed between the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions, the government, and the Chamber of Commerce. Many employees were given severance packages and forced to leave.