Ministry of Interior Replaces Nationality Designation of Those with Revoked Citizenship from “Bahraini” to “No Nationality”


Hussain al-Mosawi, whose nationality was revoked, said the Ministry of Interior and its officials replaced the personal information related to nationality on identification cards and transactions from “Bahraini” to “no nationality” or “unknown”.

Al-Mosawi added that when his wife Mariam Redha, whose nationality was revoked as well, went to renew her driving license last week, the Traffic Management department replaced “Bahraini” with “no nationality”. He also noted that those whose nationalities were revoked were not allowed to complete the transaction of transferring real estate property ownership to their wives or others.

Al-Mosawi said that his passport, his wife’s and official cards are held by the authorities, pointing out that those whose nationalities were revoked are deprived from privileges that citizens enjoy, such as housing, cost of living stipend, etc.

He demanded the nationalities, documents and IDs be given back to their owners. He said, “we are Bahrainis as were our fathers and grandfathers. We don’t have any other homeland but this and our nationality should be given back to us, because it’s a right of every citizen and cannot be removed.”

The Ministry of Interior revoked the nationality of 31 Bahrainis last November, including two previous parliament members, Jawad Fairoz and Jalal Fairoz, as well as religious clerics, including Shaikh Hussain Najati, Shaikh Mohammed Sanad and Sayed Alawi al-Bladi. Lawyer Taimoor Karimi, in addition to opposition figures and activists including Saeed Shehabi, Abdulhadi Khalaf, Abdulraoof al-Shayeb, Ali Hasan Mushaima, Abbas al-Omran, also had their citizenship revoked, including one woman, Maryam Alsayed Ebrahim Hussain Redha.