The Ministry of Interior denied any responsibility for the death of “Haja” Asma Husain, 52 years, whose family claimed she passed away on 11 February after security forces raided her house in JidAlHaj village.

The General Manager of the Northern Province Police Directorate confirmed in a statement issued by the Ministry of Interior that: “police forces executed an arrest warrant issued by the public prosecution in some houses in JidAlHaj area.”

He added, “Evidence showed that the wanted entered a house which led force to follow him. After completing the legal procedures, which occurred without resistance or violence, the house owner asked security forces to call an ambulance for a woman in the residence. Assistance was provided and the ambulance was called. Later on it became known that the woman passed away.”

The Ministry of Interior’s Ombudsmen stated that the office opened an investigation into the incident and confirmed its keenness to complete an investigation quickly to determine whether security forces were involved in Asma Husain’s death.