Ministry of Interior Launches Investigation into Extensive Use of Tear Gas


Following a video recording that went viral on a social network website, the Ministry of Interior stated on its Twitter account that the head of public security has launched an investigation by the legal affairs unit in the ministry into the incident shown on the video.

During the funeral of Sayed Ahmed Al-Mosawi’s on 23 February, security forces shot tear gas in Saar Matam, which caused dozens of citizens to suffocate.

Moreover, 27 year old Abdulaziz Al-Abar was fired at directly with tear gas and shotgun pellets. His family stated that he underwent brain surgery to remove the shotgun pellets on Monday. They were not given details about his health condition until one of the doctors said he was in “critical” condition. According to his family, he is now in the intensive care unit. Al-Abar is married and has two sons.

His family added that they were told that they will know more about his condition in the coming hours. They said he was due to undergo another brain surgery because he is suffering from megaloccephaly, but that they do not know when the second operation is scheduled.

A family member said, “we were only allowed to see our son for 5 minutes. We were told to get a permit from the Budaiya police station to see him.”

The Al-Abar family demanded to see their son and for more information on his current condition.

Dozens of people were subject to suffocation when tear gas was shot by security forces inside Saar Matam during Al-Mosawi funeral on Sunday. Al-Abar was targeted at the time with a direct shot of tear gas to his head. His family stated that he was then taken to Salmaniya hospital and that he was vomiting, although unconscious.