Sources confirmed that the conditions of Jaw Central Prison are critical due to the overloaded with political prisoners.

Al-Wefaq reported that the prison ward houses three times the intended capacity. 180 prisoners are held in spaces intended for no more than 60 people. As many as 15 people are crammed in a single cell that is built to house 4 people at most. As a result, inmates sleep in the corridors, and there are long queues to use the lavatories.

Prisoners of Jaw Central Prison were attacked in April 2014 by the authorities yet the prison administration continues to deny prisoners medical care.

In September 2013, Ombudsman Secretary-General Nawaf Mohammed Al-Maawda spoke about the overcrowding of Jaw prison, confirming an increase in the actual number of inmates. He stated that while the total capacity is 1201 people, there are approximately 1608 inmates in the seven buildings of the prison.

Al-Maawda also said that there are only 21 policemen on duty at any given time—a ridiculous ratio considering the number of inmates. He added that the number of inmates in the 15-18 age range is now up to 62. He pointed out that grouping the prisoners according the type crime they committed is contributing to more drug use in the prison. There are 603 prisoners on drug charges, 465 charged with rioting, 332 detained for traffic and similar violations, 178 for burglary, and 30 on charges of premeditated murder.