A Bahraini mother expressed grave concern over the possible deportation of her son Mahmood Khoori (21 years old). He has been detained for more than three months in the Citizenship, Passport and Residence Department's detention center for not having a Bahraini passport although he was born in Bahrain.

She said "after more than a year in detention and serving his sentence, my son was transferred to the citizenship department's detention center with Asians accused of illegal residency. He is detained there for more than three months."

She clarified that "my son Mahmood is still detained although he finished serving his sentence in April 2014."

She added "I knocked many doors asking for the release of my son. He is Bahraini and was born in this land and never went out of Bahrain. I have been asking for him and his brothers to be granted Bahraini passports since 2011. I ask officials to have sympathy towards our case and release my son. It's not his mistake not having a Bahraini passport and it's not fair to keep him in prison because of this."

The family told their detained son's story: "Mahmood (21 years old) finished high school and was working with his father in a shop in the central market. He was arrested on 28 April 2014 and we only heard from him three days later when he called to tell us he was in the CID. They explained that "in prison, he was given the release card stating that he'll be completing his sentence and released on 29 April 2014. We then learnt that he was taken from Jaw prison to the CID building. The reason for not releasing him was unknown."
The family added, "We were looking forward to him coming back home and thought that the release process may take time but he will be released late at night. However, he called at dawn and told us he was interrogated again in the CID building and that he was promised to be released but was instead taken back to Dry Dock Prison. Mahmood was taken to the immigration and passport department to complete procedures concerning residency because he doesn’t have a Bahraini passport. He was asked to fill in forms about his parents as well as his deportation form."

His family said, "We are three Bahraini siblings (21, 22 and 23 years old) who were born in Bahrain from an Iranian father and a Bahraini mother. We applied for our Bahraini passports long ago, however, we never received them. We’ve never left Bahrain since we were born."

Mahmood’s mother said: "I married Mahmood’s father, who is an Iranian living in Bahrain since 1948, and we have two sons and a daughter. We lived in Bahrain, my kids studied in public schools and they never traveled."