Deporting an Individual and Revoking the Citizenship of Others


Al-Wefaq Society stated that Bahrain’s Airport security prevented Farahat Khorshid, whose citizenship was revoked, from entering Bahrain and was ordered to leave. Khorshid was outside Bahrain when he learnt that he was included in a list of 72 citizens whom have had their citizenship revoked on 31 January 2015.

Al-Wefaq added that Khorshid arrived to Bahrain with his family on Thursday morning from Iran. He was stopped by airport security and informed that only his family was allowed to enter Bahrain.

Airport security forced Khorshid to leave Bahrain to whatever destination he chooses. All his attempts that lasted until midnight to enter the country failed, so he finally decided to head to Qatar. His family went to Bahrain.

Social media accounts stated that Khorshid arrived to Qatar later that night.

On the other hand, Mohammed Hasan Ali Husain, known as Shaikh Mohammed Khojasta, a cleric, his passport and smart card were taken by the MOI’s Citizenship and Passports Affairs and was given the option to rectify his status by either leaving Bahrain or sorting out his residency. He was given a two week notice.
Khojasta said that he went there with another person that had his citizenship revoked, university professor Masoud Merza Jafar Jahromi. They were both informed by security guards that their citizenship was revoked based on decree that was issued on 31 January that included 72 people for harming Bahrain’s interests.

He added that they had waited 40 minutes before a security officer brought them the papers which were pledges to sign. The first stated that they have to rectify their legal status either by traveling or sorting out their residency, and the other one stated that they need to be present whenever they’re summoned.

Khojasta said that he told the security officer that the first choice is not possible because we don’t have passports, and asked what if we were stopped in a checkpoint, how can we prove our identity. Security officer told him that in these instances to ask the checkpoint police to contact them to allow him to pass.

Khojasta said that there are five people with a similar status, who are neither outside Bahrain nor in prison.