The family of detainee Husain Shaker Yaqoob, born in 1998, demanded information on their son’s health. The family said that security forces raided their home in Hoora on the morning of 31 December 2014, arresting their son.

His father said “we received a call from my son after hours from his arrest. He told us that he will be transferred from al-Naim police station to Hoora police station. On the same day, we went to the police station and they told us that he was fine.”

On the next day, the father went to the police station and he was told that Husain had been transferred to the Ministry of Interior’s hospital. He said that “the staff at the police station asked me if my son suffered from Sickle Cell Disease. I told him he didn’t. My son wasn’t suffering from anything. He was healthy. He then told me that my son had shortness in breath and that’s why he was taken to al-Qala’a clinic where he is now. They prevented me from seeing him which indicates that he was subjected to torture.”

He said that officers at the police station told him that his son faces charges of illegal assembly in Manama and that he is involved in a weapons warehouse case where they found his fingerprints.

Husain’s father was surprised from these charges and said that “this is unbelievable. How could they accuse my son with these charges, he is hardworking on his study.” He said that he went to the Ministry of Education to get in touch with security authorities to allow his son take his exams; however, the Ministry told him that they don’t communicate with police stations and only communicate with Jaw and Dry Dock prison.

Husain’s father then complained over the police station’s reluctance to give information about his son’s health, saying “when we went to Hoora, they gave us the same reply. Every party blames the other. Are we in a law abiding country? Where detainees should be given all their rights granted by the constitution and international covenants.”