The family of Haroon from Bani Jamra said that Thai authorities arrested their son twenty-year-old son Ali Haroon on Saturday and handed him to the Bahraini authorities on Friday 19 December at dawn.

Ali's sister said, "My brother was arrested from Thailand's airport on his way to Iraq on Saturday evening. The Thai police was very firm in dealing with him. They didn't allow him to call us, however, we was able to call from the prison."

She added, "We contacted human rights activists, who communicated with the United Nations which in turn sent a representative to prison to meet Ali. The meeting was on Monday. My brother was handed in to the Bahrain embassy in Thailand after the meeting with the UN representation. The officials in the Thai prison told whoever asked about him that he was handed to the Bahraini embassy on Monday and they should inquire with the embassy."

She continued saying that "the human rights activists couldn't know anything about my brother after he was handed in to the embassy, except for the flight number that he was sent on to Bahrain which was given by the UN representative. The flight landed in Bahrain at 12:30 on Friday at dawn."
Haroon's sister called on the authorities to allow them to contact her brother. She stated, "We went to the CID in Adliya and asked many times about Ali but they denied he was in Bahrain."

Ali Haroon is wanted for a number of cases. He was sentenced in some of the cases to total of 36 years in prison.