Families of detainees stage a sit-in to show solidarity and demand information

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Al-Duraz was the site of a large sit-in on Sunday as family members of detainees held at Jaw Prison gathered to demand information about their loved ones. Displaying pictures of their imprisoned sons, the families expressed grave concern regarding the conditions in Jaw.

Phone calls received from the imprisoned Bahrain 13 political leaders indicate that detainees have been subject to increasingly cruel and systematic violence. As security forces fired tear gas into various parts of the prison, for example, they could smell the suffocating odor and hear the sounds of ongoing torture.

At the end of a sit-in at Musala village, Sayed Majeed Al Mishaal condemned the torture of the detainees and demanded urgent intervention on their behalf.

Before the Ministry of the Interior ordered security forces to assault a similar demonstration in Aali, families spoke of the prisoners’ “difficult conditions, and [how they] are deprived of their most fundamental rights as humans”.

A source from Jaw Prison suggests that some detainees have been prevented regular access to basic needs like medical care, prayer, or lavatory facilities. Moreover many of these prisoners are injured. The source claims that this treatment has persisted for almost a week.