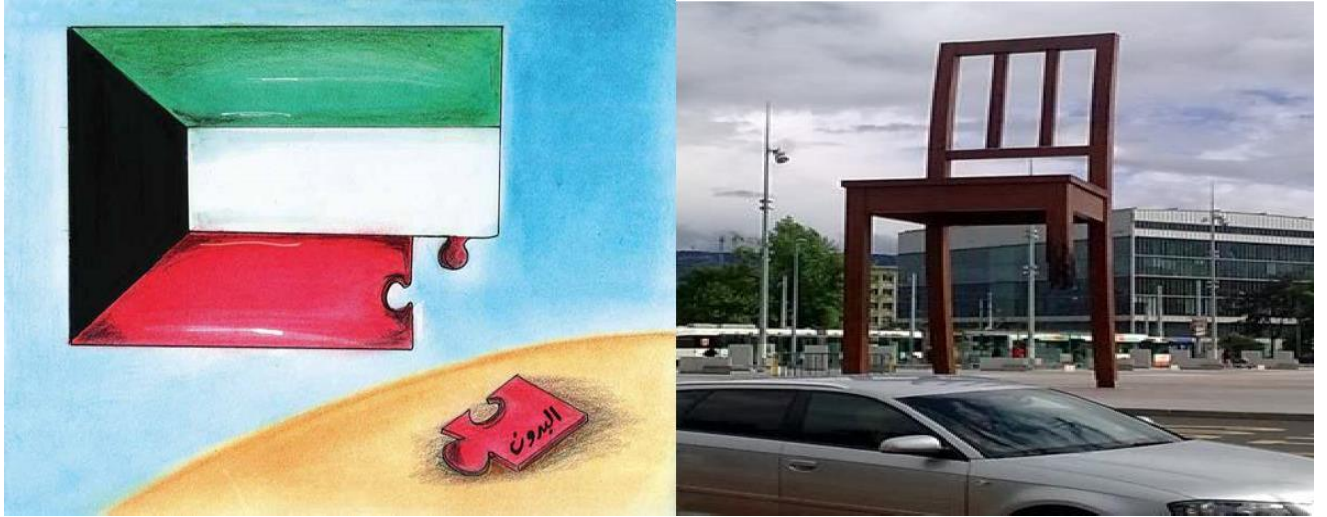




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Kuwaiti Bedoons Movement report about Kuwait to UPR, 35<sup>th</sup> session ( 20-31 January 2020)



I am Mohamed Albadry Alenezi, the founder and director of the Kuwaiti Bedoons movement. I was born in Kuwait in 1969 as a Bedoon (stateless person). I arrived to the UK in 2000 as a refugee, stateless from Kuwait. In 2004, I was granted indefinite leave to remain and became a British citizen in 2005. During this year, 15th August 2005; I established the Kuwaiti Bedoons movement (Registered in England and Wales number 11512071) I have been active regarding the stateless Bedoon issue for a period of 14 years. I am one of the main activists in the Kuwaiti Bedoons issue having appeared in many programmes and channels like BBC, CNN, Aljazeera, Alarabyiah, Alhiwar, Almustakilah, and other channels. I use these platforms to represent the Bedoon community and to fight for their rights. I was successful in receiving positive recommendations from five committees of the United Nations in Geneva. I supported the asylum aid team in UK with the passing of the law of April 2013 to end statelessness in the UK. Registered as Expert on statelessness on: <https://www.ein.org.uk/experts/albadry-alenezi>

I have personally attended the review of the Kuwait file in 2010 in UPR. I have seen your welcome to the Kuwaiti delegation. You were pleased that the Kuwaiti delegation represented by a minister. The delegation was very large, but unfortunately it was a protocol from a rich country. To show off only, now my important question is to you and not to the Kuwaiti delegation, Kuwait not only did not abide by the recommendations of the Human Rights Council, but exceeded it to work against to the recommendations. So what is the next step? What will you do?

**First: the previous recommendations of UPR to Kuwait on 2010:**

**Argentina** : Deepen the legal and administrative measures aiming at facilitating access to Kuwaiti nationality to stateless persons residing in Kuwait, as well as to children of foreign or stateless fathers born in the territory.

**Austria**: **Urgently** take measures to grant legal status to over 100,000 stateless persons and ensure their protection under the labour law.

**Australia** : Ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, with a view to finding a permanent solution to the legal status of Bidouns in Kuwait.

**Canada**: Accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness and uphold the rights of the Bidouns to nationality and access to social services.

**Germany**: Make a credible commitment to improving the status of Bidouns by ratifying the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

**France**: Implement the principle of non-discrimination guaranteed by the Constitution, and guarantee the rights of Bidouns to their nationality.

**Belgium**: Establish a process for handling requests for nationality by Bidouns in accordance with international standards.

**Italy**: Enhance efforts to facilitate the regularization of Bidouns, so that they can fully enjoy their rights.

**United States** : Respect the universally recognized right to nationality set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and stop revoking citizenships, while reinstating citizenships that have already been revoked.

**Netherlands**: Ratify the Convention relating to the status of stateless persons and the Convention relating to the reduction of statelessness Review and amend its laws to ensure gender equality in all its legislation, amongst others, in the Nationality Law, and guarantee that all Kuwaiti women are able to transfer nationality to their children and ensure to all Kuwaiti women equal access to their social and economic rights.

**Norway**: Consider modifying or repealing discriminatory legislation, including discriminatory provisions in the Personal Status Law and the Nationality Law.

**Republic of Korea**: Take the necessary steps to facilitate the process of qualifying stateless individuals to be granted nationality so that they can enjoy basic human rights.

**Spain**: Promote the principle of equality in the broadest sense possible, including with regard to nationality, foreign issues and in the areas of work, during the development of the new law on the rights of women.

**Switzerland** : Regularize as soon as possible the protracted situation of the stateless Bidouns in conformity with its international obligations and commitments and accede to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

**Honduras**: Ratify the Conventions on refugees and stateless persons.

**Slovakia**: Accede to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

**Czechia**: Ensure the issuance of legal documents for stateless persons while working on a systemic resolution of statelessness in the country in accordance with international standards.

**Second: Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention Twenty-first to twenty-fourth periodic reports of States parties due in 2016 Kuwait\*\* [Date received: 11 February 2016]

**Paragraph 11 of the recommendations**

**125. The Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness conflicts with the provisions of the Kuwaiti Nationality Act insofar as it adopts the view that the problem of stateless persons should be overcome**

by granting them the nationality of the country in which they are residing. The stipulation in article 1, paragraph 1, of the Convention to the effect that “a Contracting State shall grant its nationality to a person born in its territory” is contrary to the provisions of the Kuwaiti Nationality Act under which nationality is granted on the basis on the father’s side and not on the basis of the place of birth.

128. The Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons regulates matters pertaining to all aspects of the lives of stateless persons. It is noteworthy that this Convention does not seek to reduce statelessness by providing solutions to the problems faced by that category of persons; it merely regulates their status in the country in which they are living. Since the Convention contains provisions that conflict with those of the Kuwaiti Nationality Act, Kuwait is unable to accede thereto.

**International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination Distr.: General 4 April 2012 Original: English**

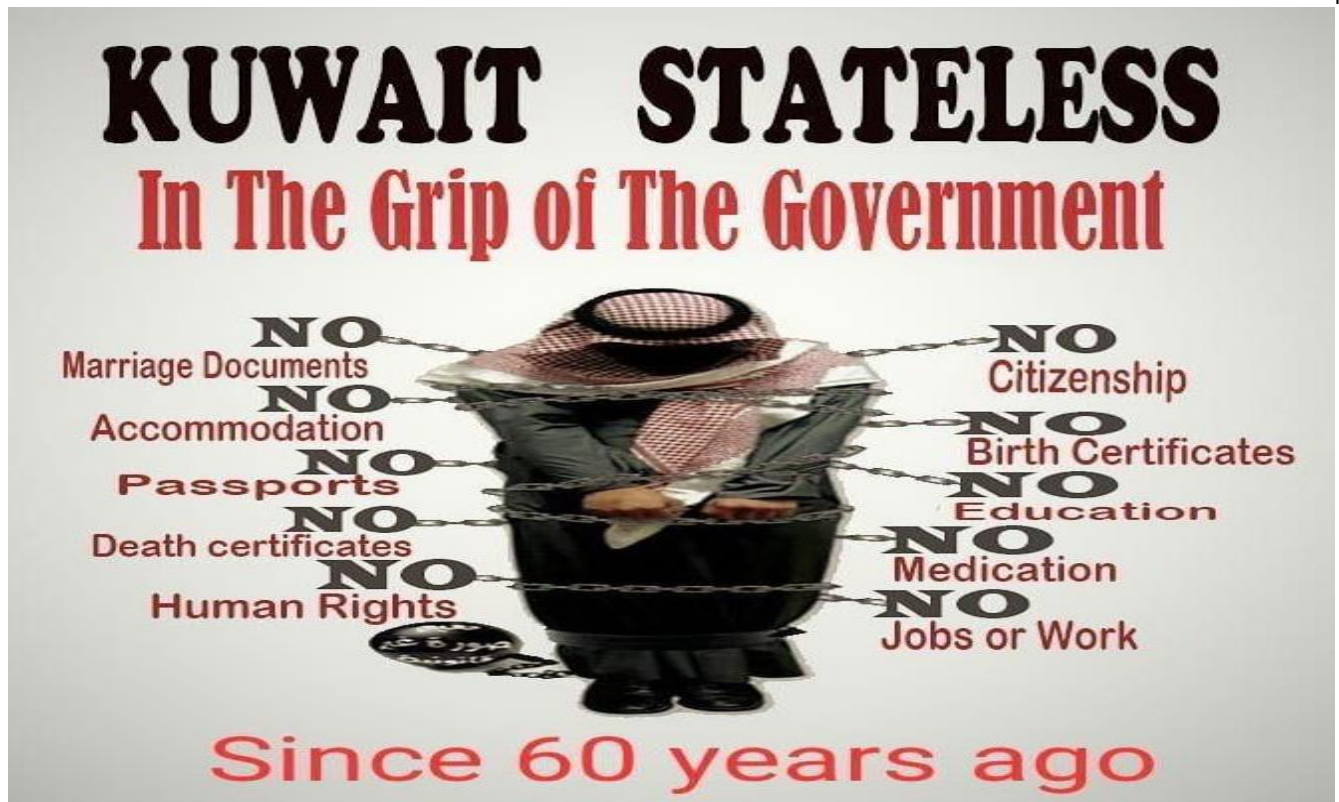
**Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Eightieth session 13 February – 9 March 2012**

17. The Committee is concerned about the situation of the Bedoun (stateless persons), some of whom have lived in Kuwait for a long time, have a strong claim to nationality, have a genuine and effective link to the State or have served or serve in the police, army and other State institutions, as well as with the situation of children born in Kuwait to foreigners and stateless persons. While taking note that a Roadmap has been drawn up and that the Central Bureau for Illegal Residents will submit two lists of candidates for naturalization to the Cabinet, the Committee is concerned at the low rate of naturalizations and in particular by the situation of the unregistered Bedoun who do not have security cards. The Committee is also concerned that not all Bedoun enjoy some basic human rights such as the right to obtain civil documentation, as well as access to adequate social services, education, housing, property, business registration and employment. It is also concerned that they are not always able to return to Kuwait, in contravention of the right to freedom of movement (arts. 2, 5 and 6).

In light of its general recommendation No. 30 (2004) on discrimination against noncitizens, the Committee recommends that the State party implement the existing Roadmap and provide a just, humane and comprehensive solution to the situation of the Bedoun, with respect for their dignity. The Joint Committee on the Granting of Kuwaiti Nationality should consider naturalizing the Bedoun, in particular persons who have lived in Kuwait for a long time, who can prove a genuine and effective link to the State, or have served or serve in the police, army and other State institutions, as well as children born in Kuwait of foreigners and stateless persons. The State party should consider providing residence permits and temporary legal status to noncitizens, including the unregistered Bedoun who do not have security cards. The Committee recommends that the State party issue civil documents to all persons in its territory and provide access to adequate social services, education, housing, property, business registration and employment to the Bedoun. It recommends that the State party ensure that the Bedoun enjoy the right to freedom of movement and are able to return to Kuwait.

21. The Committee is concerned that not all Bedoun children are covered by free compulsory primary education, including by the charitable fund (art. 5).

The Committee recommends that the State party implement free compulsory primary education to all children in its territory and make available and accessible secondary education to the greatest extent possible.



### Third: the Kuwaiti Bedoons Movements Notices:

1. Most Kuwaiti Bedoons until 1986 had all the rights except citizenship they were waiting for. A minority lived in the desert and did not integrate into civilian life. In 1986, the Council of Ministers operated a secret committee headed by Sabah al-Ahmad, the Minister of Foreign Affairs at that time the present Amir. It withdrew all human rights from the Bedoon. Gradually, it began to weaken and left its members in the interior and defence for a later time. In 1993, a new committee was set up to enumerate the number of Bedoons, which was called the Central Committee. It continued until 1996, when a new committee, called the Executive Committee set up, this committee made a pressure on the Bedoons, some confiscated, and worked with the foreign countries to sell forged passports in the building of that committee, and it has been operating for 14 years. The current agency was established in 2010. It is the worst apparatus of repression and forgery. It took most of the Bedoons documents and placed them with forged nationalities, So many Bedoons are not documented, either because they are originally from the desert, they did not participate in civil life, or because they bought forged passports that expired, and they are not nationals of these countries, nor are they not, because they were expelled from the Bedoons, Bedoons should sign written pledge that the information's they are given is right while there are no information when they signed but it will be fill in by the staff of the apparatus, Signing the acceptance of the false nationalities, which is forced by that body to accept or not to give them ID cards.
2. The number of registered with the Central Agency to deal with the situation of so-called illegal residents who are individuals (stateless) or (Bedoons) was born in the State of Kuwait 250 thousand, according to the statement of Kuwaiti MP Safa al-Hashem media.
3. The number of stateless people not registered in the Central bureau up to 15 thousand escape and fear of racist practices and restrictions, According to a statement by an AlAnbaa newspaper on 11/11/2010.

4. Stateless individuals are deprived of free education, while a Kuwaiti citizen who has a nationality enjoys free education from kindergarten to primary and even university and academic studies.
5. Thus illiteracy and ignorance are widespread among stateless individuals and they are vulnerable to exploitation in order to work in prohibitions in their forms, those who received the encouragement of the study they pay tuition fees and each year from the contributions of some charitable organizations.
6. Stateless people deprived of the right to housing or property, while a person of Kuwaiti nationality shall enjoy adequate housing provided by the State. Therefore, stateless persons inhabit the horse stables and sheep shelters in the regions of Kabed and Al-Jahra because of the lack of adequate financial income. The stateless people are deprived of the right to employment and work. The minimum wage is 250 dinars to 300 for four or five individuals.
7. The Kuwaiti government provides citizens with citizenship all the means of livelihood and welfare in all its details, and is given to the holder of nationality ration card for food through which rice, milk, flour, tomato paste, lentils, frozen chicken, sugar and other things added as needed, while depriving stateless individuals of materials Food depends on the aid provided by organizations and charities in case they are available at charities.
8. The health status of stateless individuals, many of them have multiple diseases, because of malnutrition, poor living environment, many suffer from diseases of pressure, diabetes, heart, asthma, joint pain, paralysis, cancer, mental and mental diseases
9. The case of treatment of the stateless person with the lowest standards of safety in treatment and health diagnosis, with a fee to pay the fees, in the case of an offer to the government hospital for the treatment of a disease, is given a date after months to meet the doctor, and after the doctor and payment of fees, The condition may be exacerbated by the quality of the poor or inappropriate treatment, which causes the patient to declare a situation in the social media, asking them to help him to go to a private doctor for a clinic, a sample facility, while the citizen who holds Kuwaiti nationality provides the state with all the costs of treatment in the finest The shower Fiat inside and outside Kuwait and Europe and America and other developed countries in health.
10. The Government of Kuwait, represented by the Central Agency for the treatment of the Illegal Status of (Illegal Residents), is committed to pressuring stateless people through racist practices, some of which have already been mentioned to purchase forged passports, which are spread throughout the State of Kuwait and promoted under the agreement of interior ministry ( Mohamed AlKhaled) by the Central Agency and the former Executive Committee, And the announcement that some stateless individuals were forced after deception, pressure on them and abuse of their health and psychological condition to buy these forged passports. The Kuwaiti government try to do Human traffic by sailing the Bedoons to other countries like Comoros, Sudan, Liberia, Dominican Republic, Turkey, Belarus and others. When the passports expired, the embassies did not renew them for lack of validity because they are not their citizens, which made the case of the individual stateless more complex, it is not returned to the previous state as a stateless, nor is the resident not regular residence. The attempt to pressure the stateless people to buy forged passports is an attempt by the Kuwaiti government to mislead international human rights organizations and the international communities, and as a result of the International Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, that there are no stateless cases in Kuwait, the source is by Kuwaiti Parliament Khudair Al-Enezi in the event of (Bedoon to Where?)
11. The Government of Kuwait has practiced the most severe forced displacement of stateless persons since 1986 until today. Some of the stateless families who lived in the desert, shepherds, from 1986 to 1989, their tinsplate homes and tents had demolished. They were thrown at the Iraqi border, all their families, women and children, and the schools were turned into a prison for forced deportation, including Abdullah bin Omar School in Sulaybiah and Talha School in al-Adayliya area. After 1991,

Kuwait was liberated from the Iraqi invasion, a great deal of pressure was exerted on this group, many of whom fled to USA, Europe, Canada and other countries as refugees.

12. Some of what happened in the last 3 months:

- 25/03/2019 Askar Al Enazi (MP) asks the central racial agency for extended 6 months for the Bedoons who are in the military to amend the status to stay in the job.
- 29/03/2019 The interior ministry prevent the cultural week seminar of the Bedoon prepared by Nour Al-Fikr Club
- 07/04/2019 French Ambassador meets Al-Fadalah the Head of the racial agency to ask him how he put French nationalities for the Bedoons in their ID while they are not citizens, and they use to do this because one of the family ask for Asylum in France so they make all of his Family French while he is refugee.
- 08/04/2019 Demonstration of Bedoon in front of private schools in Jahra because they raise tuition fees.
- 10/04/2019 Kuwaiti banks close the accounts of most of the Bedoon on orders of the racial agency.
- 12/04/2019 Interior Minister Surgeon leaves the meeting of the parliamentary Human Rights Committee because of the challenge of his vandalism about holders of forged passports.
- 20/04/2019 Demonstration in the capital by Hadeel Bou Qureis ( Kuwaiti citizen Activist)
- 24/04/2019 Ali al-Baghli, member of the Human Rights Bureau established by the Amir Sabah AlAhmed, rejects the proposed human rights law for the Bedoon.
- 28/04/2019 Demonstration in the capital by Hadeel Bou Qureis ( Kuwaiti citizen Activist)
- 03/05/2019 Safa al-Hashem (MP) attacks the Bedoon in a racist statement that the Bedoons are like the mushroom had no roots.
- 04/05/2019 Demonstration in the capital by Hadeel Bou Qureis ( Kuwaiti citizen Activist)
- 05/05/2019 A report was published by the Kuwaiti Human Rights Society on Bedoon.
- 16/05/2019 Scoop racism TV channel meets 3 racists against the Bedoons.
- 17/05/2019 The Iraqi Embassy in Kuwait denies permission to one of the racists in Scope TV channel for being in contact with the embassy about the nationality of a Bedoon and shows that it deals only with the government agencies or the person himself.
- 24/05/2019 the municipality hunts Bedoons who sale fruits in the streets and arrests them.
- 02/06/2019 Fatima a Kuwaiti Bedoon young girl finish her studies in secondary private school with a percentage of 99.57 % prohibited from publishing her name with top outstanding students in Media for being stateless Bedoon.
- 05/06/2019 Social media monitor a young man of Bedoon come hysterically in the streets screaming because of the pressure from racial agency against him.
- 12/06/2019 single Bedoon old man (82 years old) found in very bad situation live alone in unhealthy conditions place.
- 30/06/2019 The National Assembly rejects the report of the parliamentary Human Rights Committee on forged passports that the government was responsible about trade in this passport to the Bedoon, also reject law of naturalization 4 thousand Bedoons.
- 07/07/2019 20 years young Bedoon Ayed Almudeath suicide because of the pressure from the racial agency.
- 08/07/2019 Ayed was buried, a US official visited the condolences, demonstrations in Tayma (freedom Square) start by the Bedoon.
- 09/07/2019 demonstrations continue.
- 10/07/2019 Mohammad Khudair al-Anzi (Bedoon activist) was arrested.

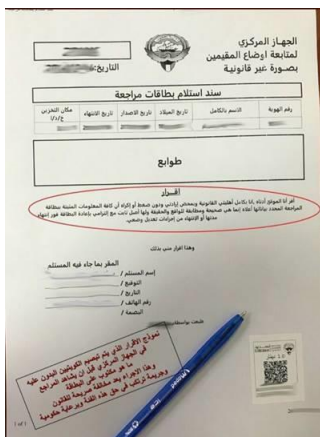
- 11/07/2019 Arrest of Hakim al-Fadhli, Abdulhadi al-Fadhli, Nawaf al-Bader, Mutab al-'Unan, Awad al-'Unan, Ahmad al-'Unan, Alaa al-Saadoun, Yusuf al-Bashaq, Yusuf al-'Usmi, Abdullah al-Fadhli, Ahmad Shaya, Hamed Jamil, were areested by state security system.
- 12/07/2019 Salah al-Shammari arrested.
- The court put all the demonstrators in the prison for 21 days and put on them 10 charges may lead to 10 years in prison.

The advertising advertisements for the sale of forged passports in government departments and newspapers:



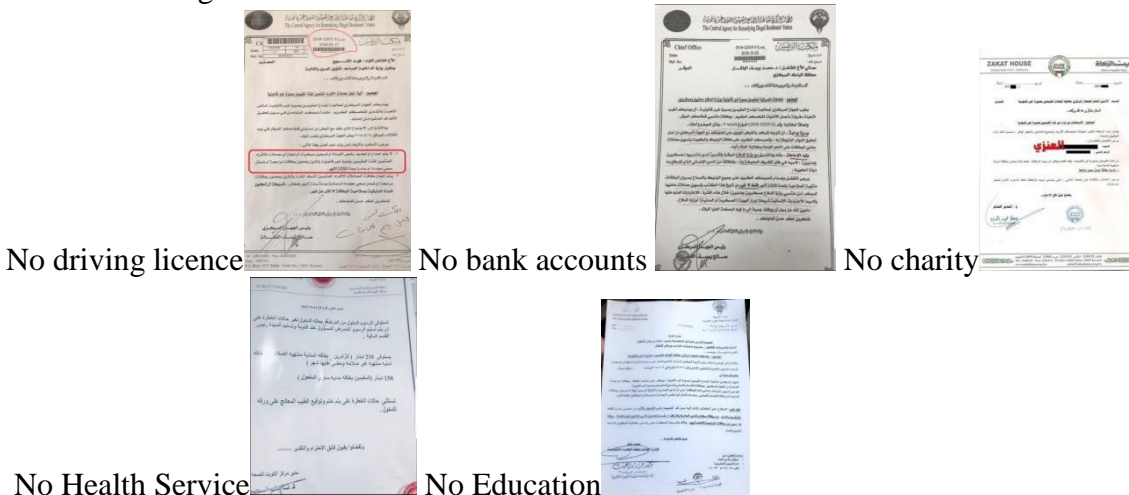
The IDs given to the Bedoons:





Bedoons should sign written pledge that the information's they are given is right while there are no information when they signed but it will be fill in by the staff of the apparatus, Signing the acceptance of the false nationalities, which is forced by that body to accept or not to give them ID cards.

Letters from the central body against Bedoons to all of the government department to privent the Bedoons from Human rights:



AlQabass newspaper 2016: there are 15000 children without Birth certificate.



**The case of Mohamed Alenezi one of the Kuwaiti Bedoons which is A case was fabricated by the head of the Central Agency (Saleh Alfadhalah) against him as a terrorist want to Kill him, the head of the agency appeared on the private TV channel (Scope) this channel against the Bedoon and Alfadhalah made false information, Mohammed was put in prison without trial until civil society moved and released him without legal procedure because his arrest is illigal. Then two days later he was beaten by unknown assailants and his blood was shed in this way only because he dared to refuse to counterfeit him by the Central agency.**



The Bedoons Houses:



29/03/2019 the interior ministry prevent the cultural week seminar of the Bedoon prepared by Nour Al-Fikr Club.



Suicides increased it was one case per year, and doubled to five per year:



The municipality hunts Bedoons who sale in the streets and arrests them.



Since 2011 to today and the Bedoon are demonstrating, then they are suppressed and imprisoning despite the recommendations of the United Nations committees to give them their right to demonstrate and not to arrest them, but the Kuwaiti government does not implement the recommendations and works against it. Here are some pictures:















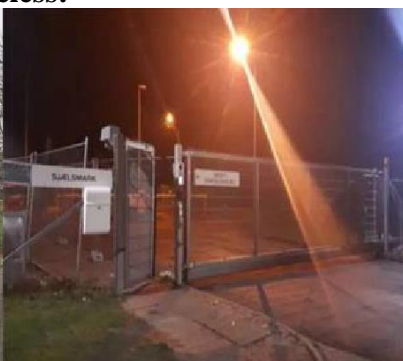






Malek Sultan 28 years in Jail because he is Bedoon he finish false charge for 25 years and they use to expulsion to any country but he had no country to go to and the role of UNHCR is negative.

**The Bedoons in Sjaelsmark Jail in Denmark After they claim with their families as asylum but they treated badly where they are stateless:**



The front gate at Sjaelsmark

During yesterday's amazing event in CAMP, **Nicholas Mirzoeff** stated that "the colonial state produces spaces of disappearance."

The Danish deportation centers Sjaelsmark and Kaershovedgaard for rejected asylum seekers are such spaces of disappearance.

The Danish government's recent decision to move all "criminal rejected asylum seekers and immigran...  
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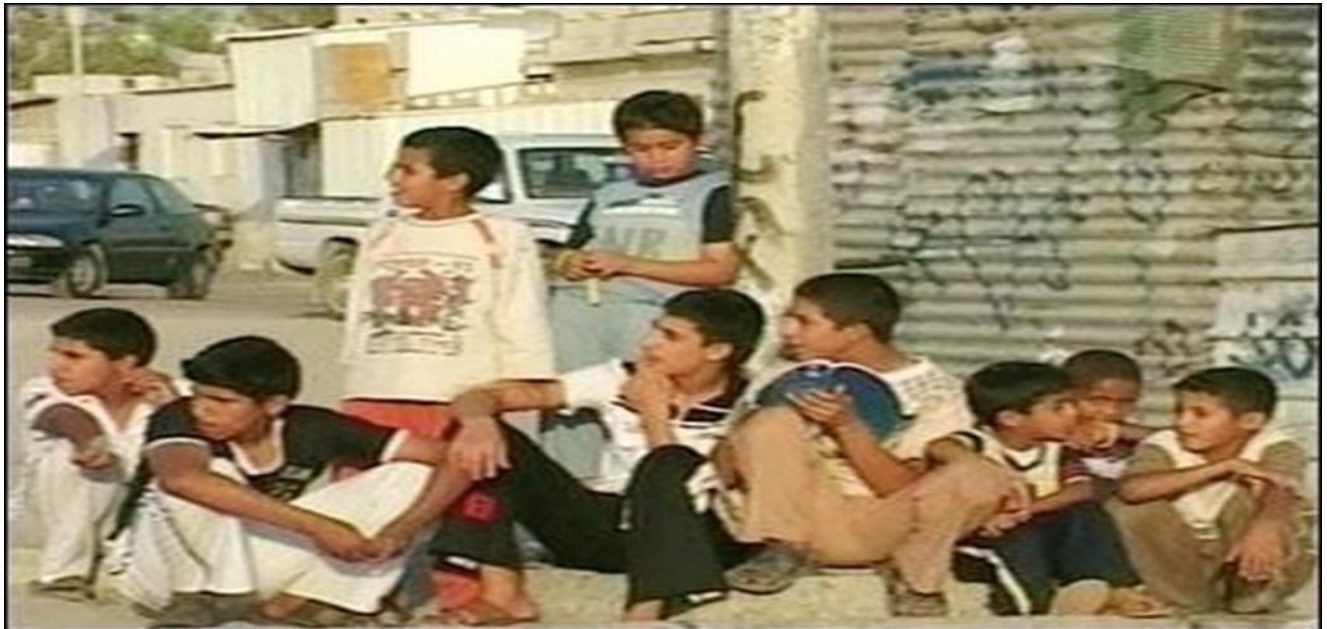
The Bedoon die on the beaches of Australia as refugees and the sharks eat them.



**Conclusion:**

- The Kuwaiti government did not sign the 1954 and 1961 Conventions to end statelessness.
- Bodoons are exposed to verbal, physical, legal, societal, and ethnic discrimination, living in isolation.
- Deprivation, forgery of the government, persecution, suppression and extortion of the disabled, women, child, old and the student.
- Not giving ID card deprives you of education, health, documents, work, driving license, travel and receipt of money from the bank.
- The situation of the Bedoon has reached a very bad situation after 60 years of suffering.
- The United Nations has recommended Kuwait recommendations for 20 years that it has not implemented by Kuwaiti Government.

This generation are waiting for you to help



Yours

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