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- Order issued by H.E. the Minister of Interior to refer all cases related to deaths, torture and inhumane treatment implicating the police to the Public Prosecution, which now serves as an independent judiciary authority.
- Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Bahrain and the Regional Bureau of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the framework of the implementation of the Recommendations of the BICI related to police work, security and their compatibility with human rights standards.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations will continue to provide the Secretary-General with information on all further follow-up actions taken for the implementation of the BICI recommendations.

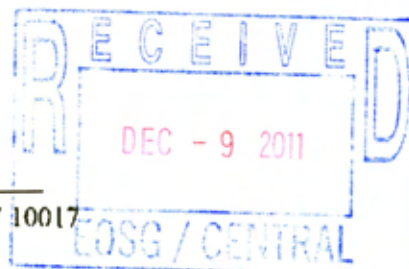
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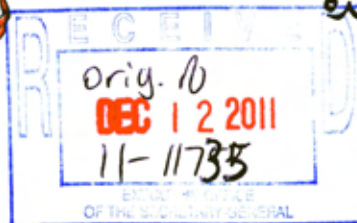
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Interior Minister Refers all Death, Torture and Mistreatment Cases Implicating Police to the Public Prosecution

06 : 32 PM - 08/12/2011 Manama, Dec. 8. (BNA) – As part of his dedication to implement the recommendations of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI) related to the Interior Ministry, His Excellency Minister of Interior Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa has issued an order to refer all cases related to deaths, torture and inhumane treatment implicating police to the Public Prosecution (which serves as an independent judiciary authority) to implement recommendation No 1716 and 1722/a of the BICI report.

The Minister has also ordered that the required procedures be taken to install cameras to ensure visual and audio recording for all official interviews of detainees, and the drafting of the legislation in this regard required to implement BICI recommendation No 1722/g.



Interior Minister signs MoU with International Committee of the Red Cross

04 : 57 PM - 08/12/2011 Manama, Dec. 8. (BNA) -- His Excellency Minister of Interior Lieutenant-General SH Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa signed on Thursday with Mr.

Gerard Bernier Regional Bureau Chief of the International Committee of the Red Cross a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Interior and the International Organisation.

This coincides with International Human Rights Day that falls on December 10.

The signing of the MoU comes as part of the commitment of the Ministry of Interior to implement the royal directives related to the report of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI) and set mechanisms to enforce the BICI recommendations through comprehensive programme that aims to develop police work and creation of a balance between the role of the protection of security and commitment to human rights principles, in addition to seeking expertise of international human rights centers, including the Red Cross to benefit from their experiences in relation to detention procedures and treatment of inmates according to human rights.

According to the MoU the Ministry of Interior allows the committee to visit inmates at its reformation and rehabilitation centers and detention centers within the laws of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The signed MoU includes also benefiting from the committee in holding training courses on human rights and international humanitarian law for the Ministry of Interior personnel to enhance their skills and reinforce and promote the human rights culture.

HE the Minister hailed the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross and its distinguished efforts in offering assistance and welfare, especially during military conflicts and natural disasters as well as its contributions in providing advices for its vast experience in human dignity in cases related to freedom restriction and implementation of penalties decided by the law with affirmation to the offering of all aspects of welfare out of the noble humanitarian goals of the Red Cross that is appreciated all over the world.