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Special Investigation Unit

# Special Investigation Unit Statistics 2022

## Statement of the Head of the Special Investigation Unit

**In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful**



The Kingdom of Bahrain now possesses a legislative and institutional structure that works to consolidate the general rights and freedoms of humans. This is achieved through the legislative renaissance that keeps pace with the highest standards and principles of human rights. It is optimally applied through integration between national mechanisms and institutions concerned with the protection of human rights at all levels while maximizing the impact of infringement on them in a way that contributes to the achievement of prompt justice.

The Special Investigation Unit has become one of the most prominent national achievements in the field of protecting general human rights and freedoms with the support and attention of His Excellency the Attorney General, Dr. Ali bin Fadhul Al-Bouainain. It contributed to achieving a significant decrease in the rates of crimes of torture and mistreatment year after year. It has played a significant role in guiding and training those involved in law enforcement and for its constant development in accordance with approved international practices. This resulted in its official representation of the Kingdom of Bahrain in international forums as an independent judicial system within the judicial system in the Kingdom until its existence has become one of the pillars of national action to create an integrated human rights system aiming to achieve sustainable development in the country in all its aspects.

In compliance with the principle of transparency pursued by the Special Investigation Unit, it is launching its second annual report today, which includes detailed statistics on its work during 2022.

**Mohammed Khaled Al-Hazaa**  
**Acting Attorney General**  
**Chief of the Special Investigation Unit**

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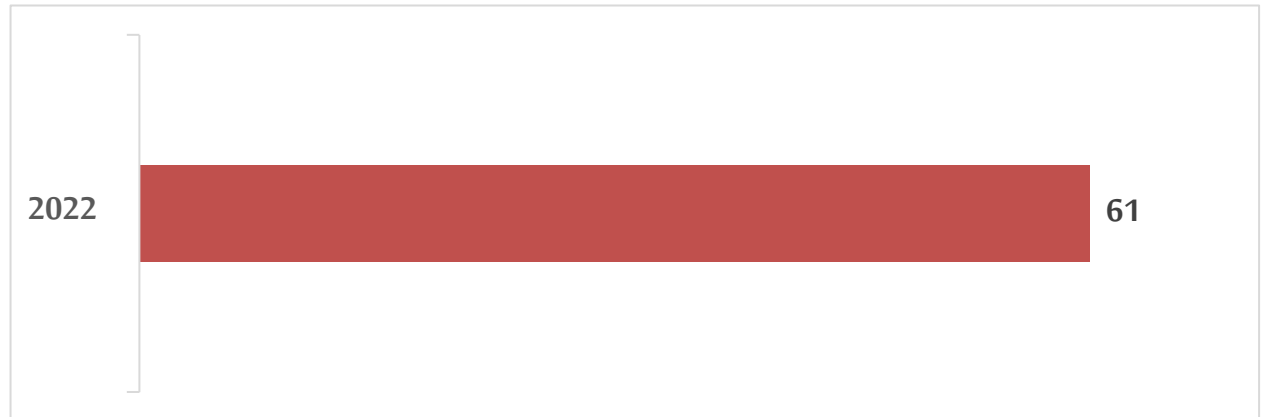
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## Section One

Complaints Received by the Special Investigation Unit During the Year

**First: Total Complaints Received by the Unit:**

**61 Complaints During 2022**



**Second: Complaints Categories:**

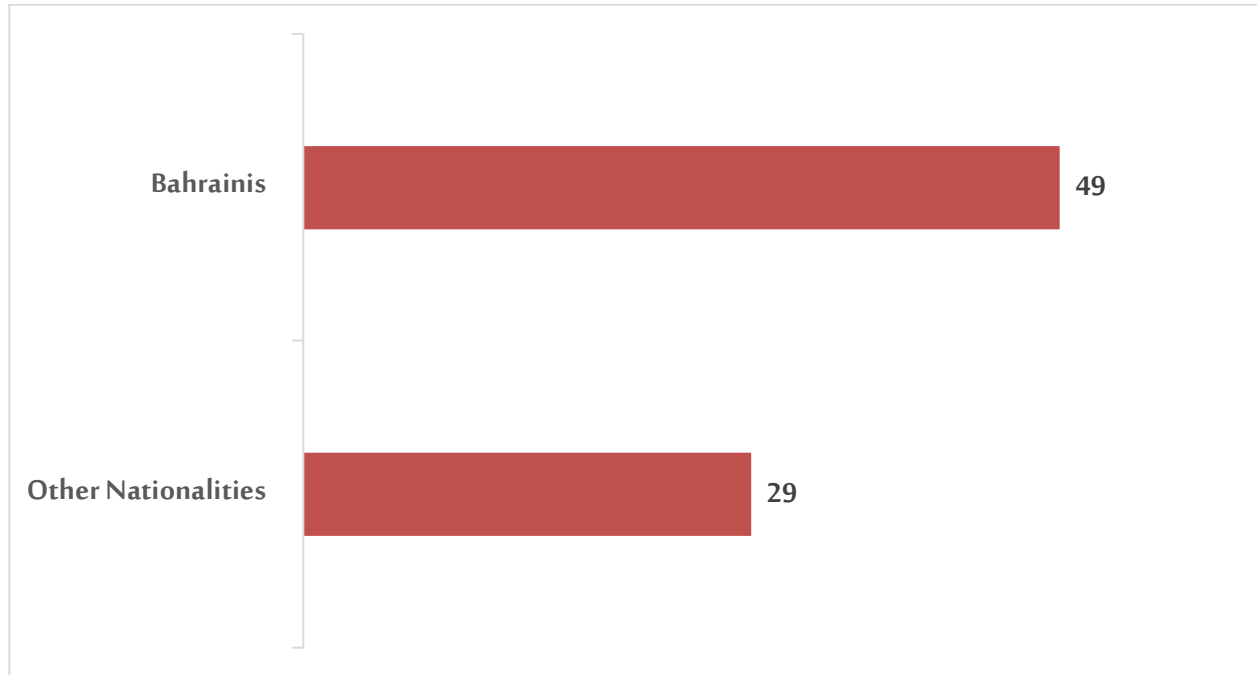
**The Allegations Contained in the Complaints Varied Between:**

Mistreatment

Torture

Excessive use of force

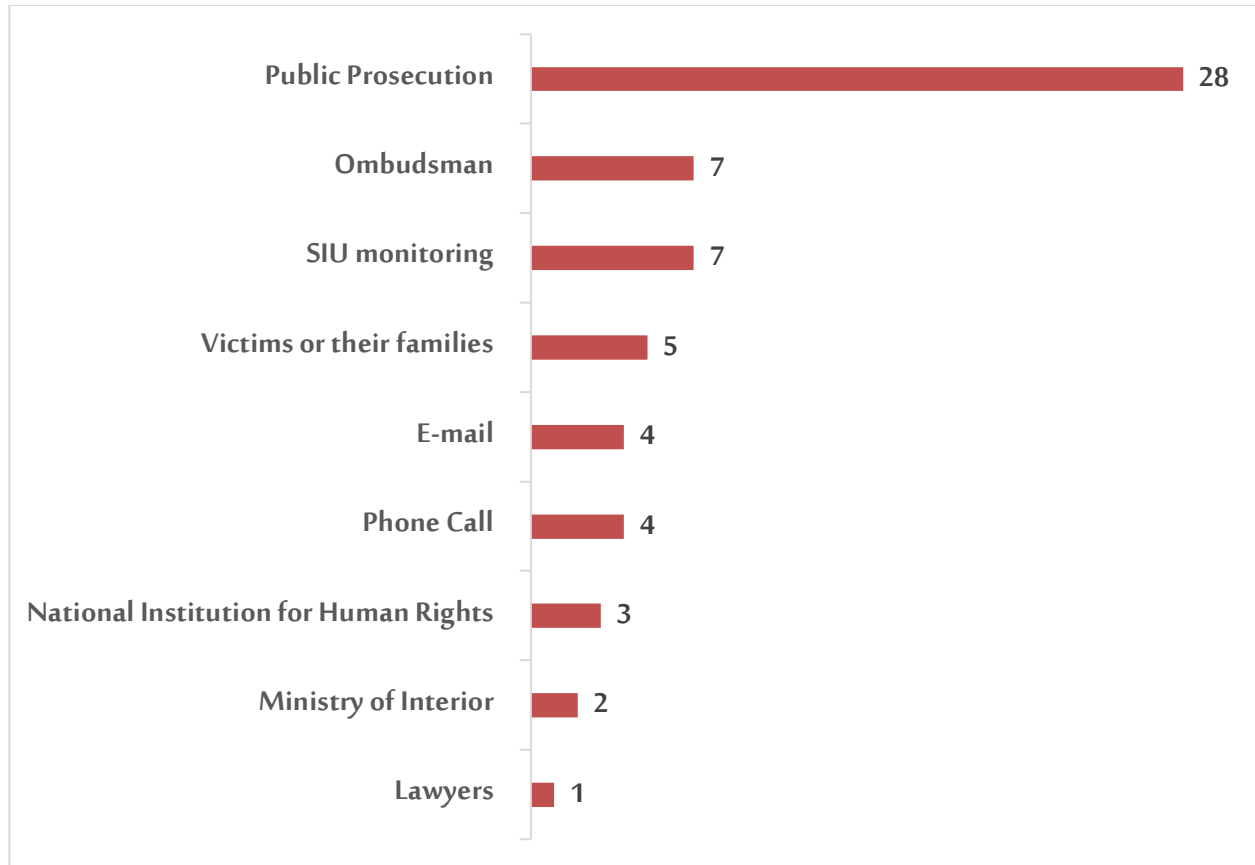
### Third: The Nationalities of the Complainants:



### Fourth: The Gender and Ages of the Complainants:

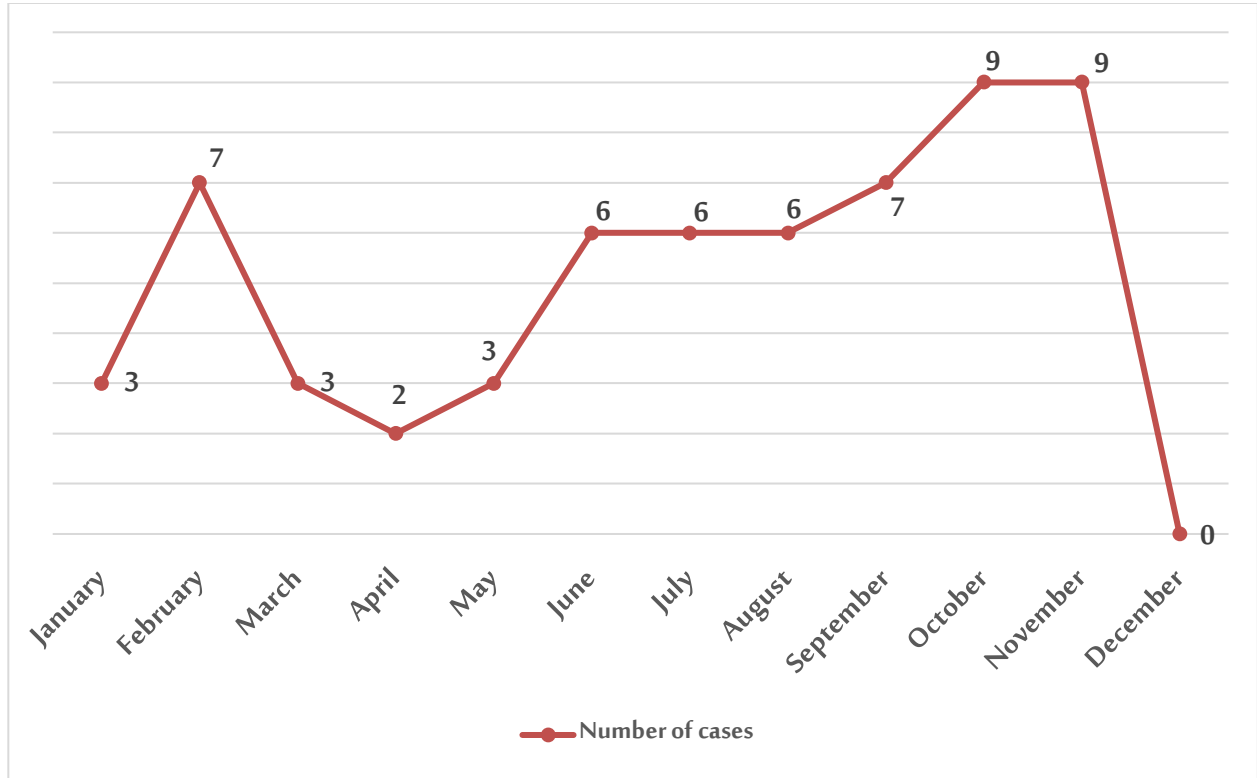
Gender	Males count: 67	Females Count: 11
Age	Less than 18	4 complainants
	18 and Above	74 complainants
Total	78	

## Fifth: Source of Complaints:



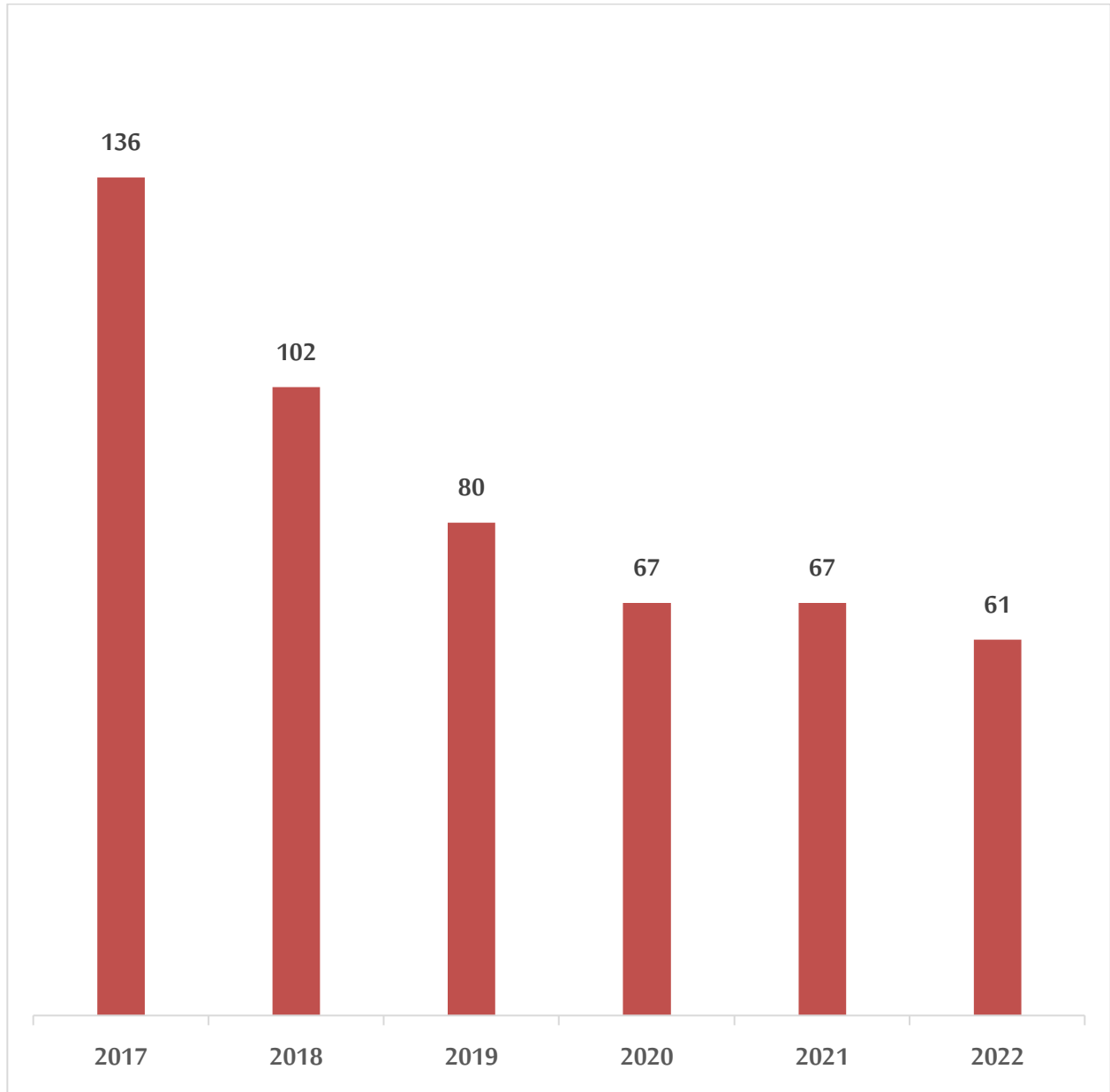
Complaints Source	Number of Complaints
Public Prosecution	28
Ombudsman	7
SIU monitoring	7
Victims or their families	5
E-mail	4
Phone Call	4
National Institution for Human Rights	3
Ministry of Interior	2
Lawyers	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

## Sixth: Received Complaints by Months:



Month	Number of cases
January	3
February	7
March	3
April	2
May	3
June	6
July	6
August	6
September	7
October	9
November	9
December	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

**Seventh: Comparison of the Total Complaints Received by the Unit During the Year with Previous Years:**

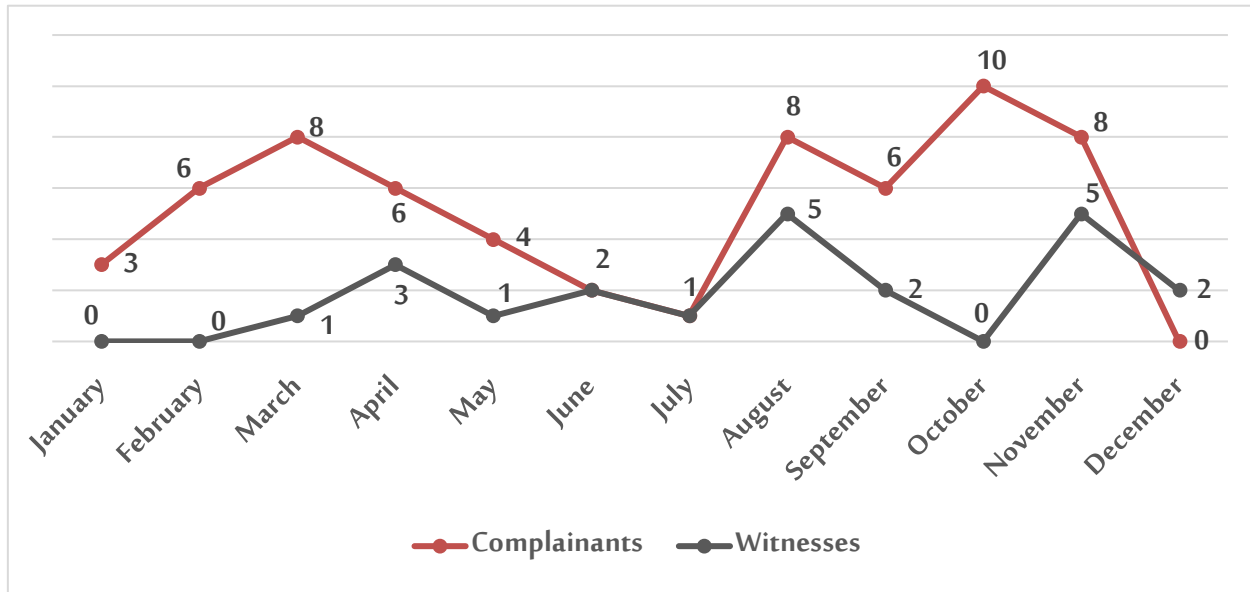




## Section Two

### The Special Investigation Unit's Work During the Year

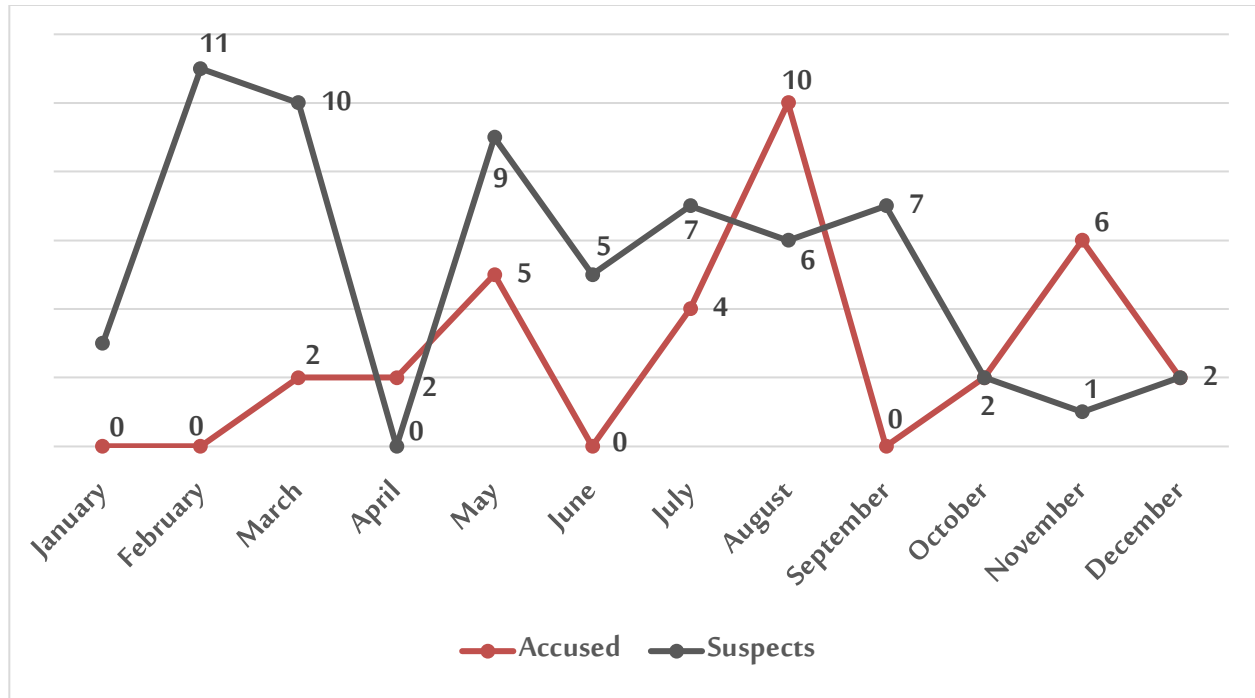
#### First: Number of Interviewed Complainants and Witnesses:



Month	Complainants	Witnesses
January	3	0
February	6	0
March	8	1
April	6	3
May	4	1
June	2	2
July	1	1
August	8	5
September	6	2
October	10	0
November	8	5
December	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>62<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>22</b>

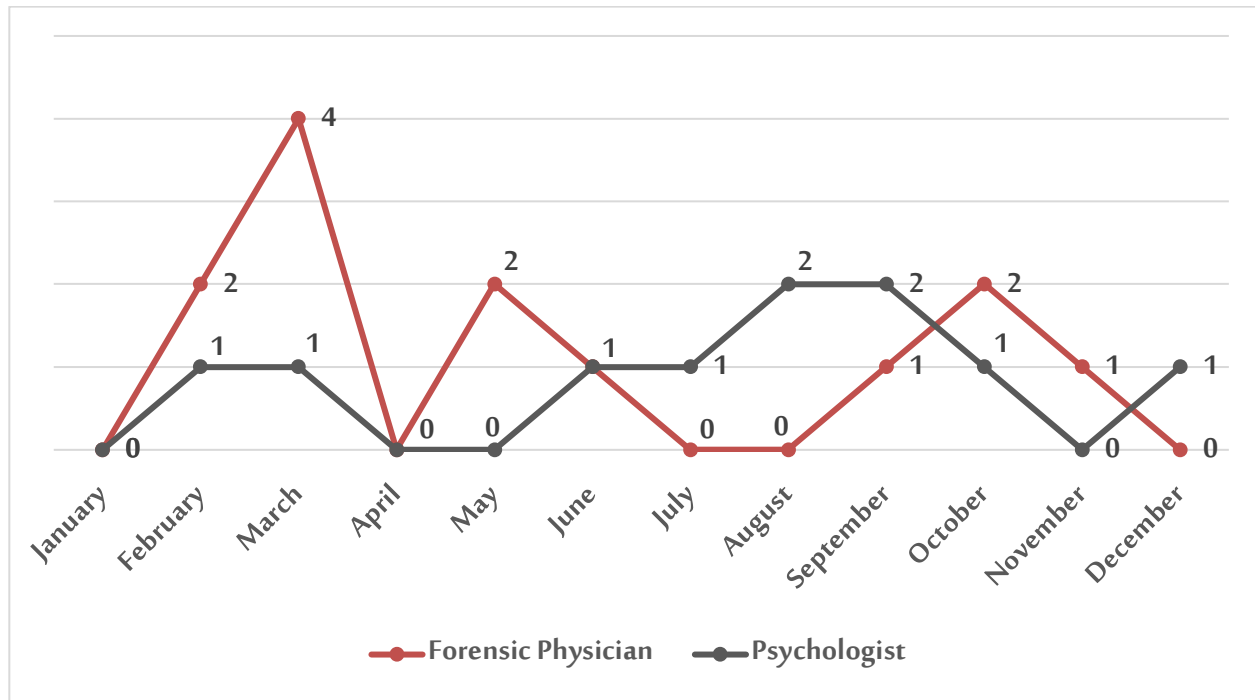
<sup>1</sup> It was not possible to interview a number of complainants after taking the prescribed legal procedures to hear their statements.

## Second: Number of Interviewed Accused and Suspects:



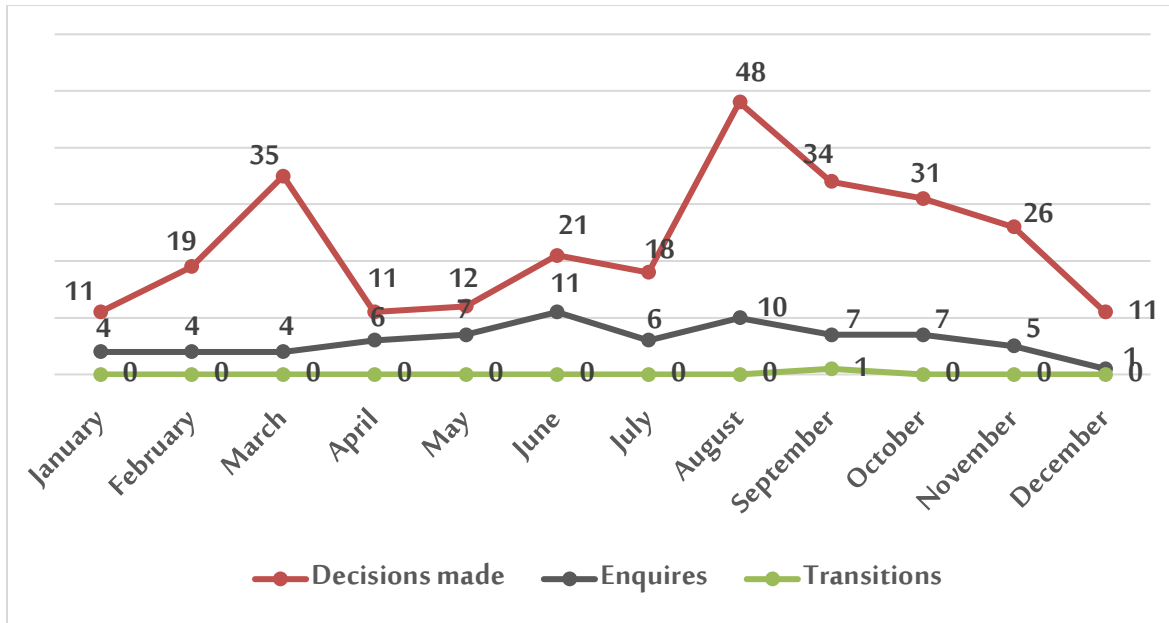
Month	Accused	Suspects
January	0	3
February	0	11
March	2	10
April	2	0
May	5	9
June	0	5
July	4	7
August	10	6
September	0	7
October	2	2
November	6	1
December	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>

### Third: The Number of Complainants who were Presented to the Division of Forensic Medicine and Psychological Support:



Month	Forensic Physician	Psychologist
January	0	0
February	2	1
March	4	1
April	0	0
May	2	0
June	1	1
July	0	1
August	0	2
September	1	2
October	2	1
November	1	0
December	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>

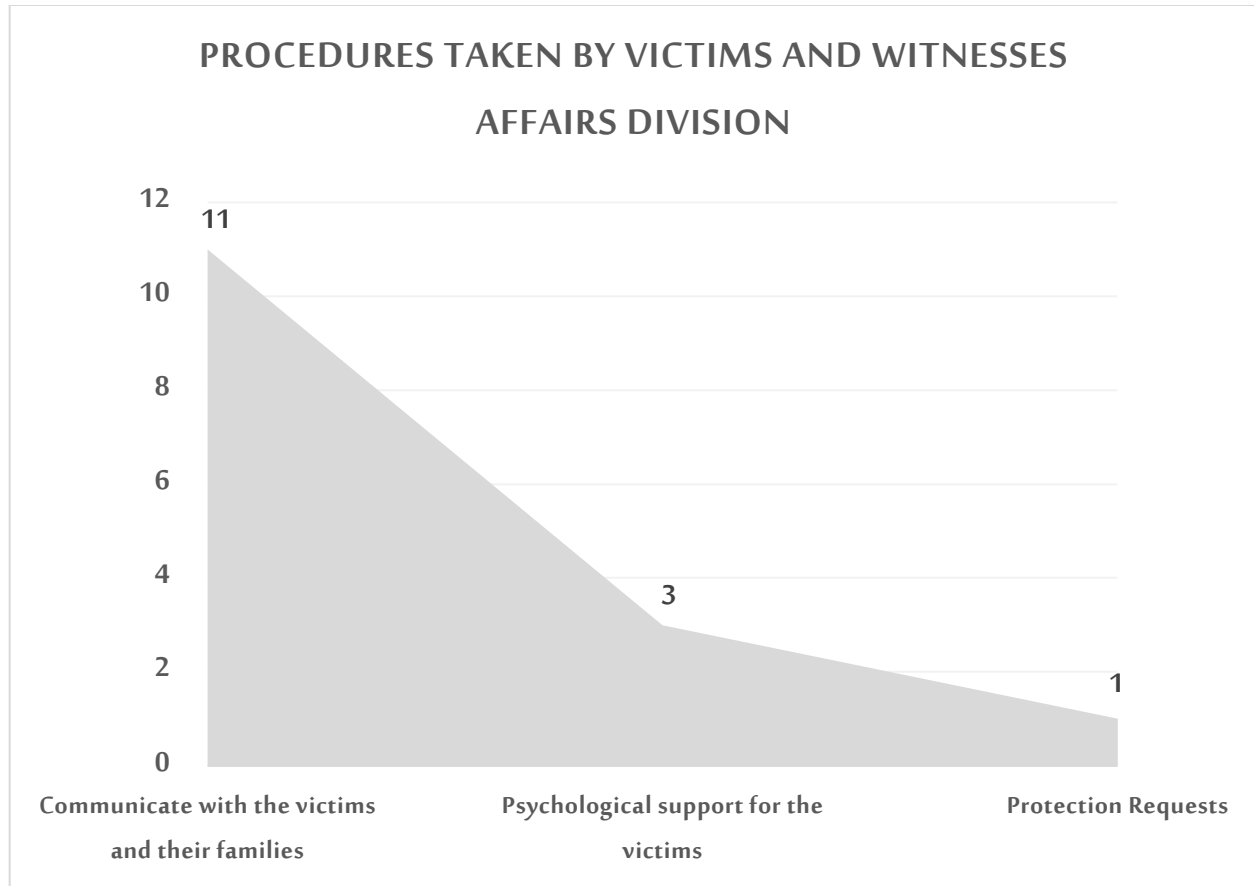
#### Fourth: The Work of the Judicial Police Division:



Month	Decisions made	Enquires	Transitions <sup>2</sup>
January	11	4	0
February	19	4	0
March	35	4	0
April	11	6	0
May	12	7	0
June	21	11	0
July	18	6	0
August	48	10	0
September	34	7	1
October	31	7	0
November	26	5	0
December	11	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1</b>

<sup>2</sup> Transitions: the transfer of members of the judicial police to reform and rehabilitation centers in implementation of the decisions issued by the unit.

### Fifth: Work of the Victims and Witnesses Affairs Division:



Procedure type	Order Number
Communicate with the victims and their families	11
Psychological support for the victims	3
Protection Requests	1
<b>Total: 15</b>	

## Section Three

### Complaints Referred to the Competent Courts During the Year

#### First: Referral to Criminal Courts:



#### Second: Referral to the Military Courts Department at the Ministry of Interior to impose the disciplinary penalty:



### Third: Judgments Issued by Criminal Courts:

	Charge	No. of defendants	Court and date of the verdict	Judgment
1	Torture	3	High criminal 14/04/2022  Appellate 27/06/2022	Three years imprisonment.  Amending the appealed judgment by making the sentence imposed by imprisonment for a period of one year
2	Assault on the safety of the body.	1	Minor criminal 05/18/2022  Appellate 04/07/2022	imprisonment for one year and a bail of 500 BD to suspend execution.  Amending the appealed judgment and limiting the imprisonment of the accused to three months.

#### Fourth: Disciplinary Penalties Issued by the Military Courts Administration:

The unit received disciplinary sanctions from the Military Courts Department at the Ministry of Interior in two different cases against four members of the Public Security Forces. The unit had previously ordered their referral to the Military Courts Department to impose the appropriate disciplinary penalty on them. The disciplinary sanctions were:



**Alert**



**Delay the upgrade for a year from the date of the entitlement**

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## Conviction Rate



## Section Four

### Training Programs and Events During the Year

#### First: Conferences, Seminars and Training Programs:



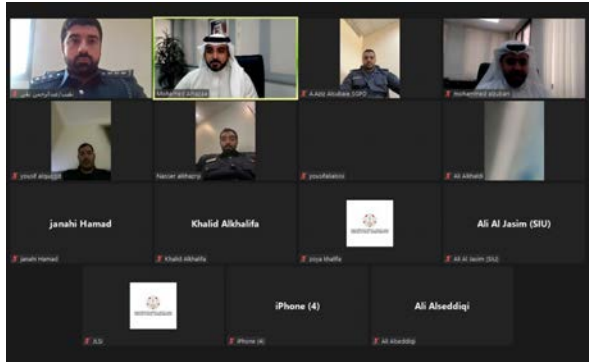
**February 27:** Under the generous patronage of His Excellency the General Attorney, Dr. Ali bin Fadhel Al-Buainain, and on the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Special Investigation Unit; The unit, in cooperation with the United Nations

Development Program and the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies, organized a regional conference entitled "The Effective Role of National Agencies and Mechanisms in the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights". Where the conference was held via visual communication technology, in the presence of the heads and members of the national agencies and mechanisms concerned with the protection of human rights, and with the participation of a group of international and national legal and human rights experts.

**July 5:** The Special Investigation Unit, in cooperation with the Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies, organized; A virtual educational seminar to introduce the judicial, legal and oversight mechanisms concerned with the protection of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the nature of the unit's work, its legal competencies and its applications of international standards.

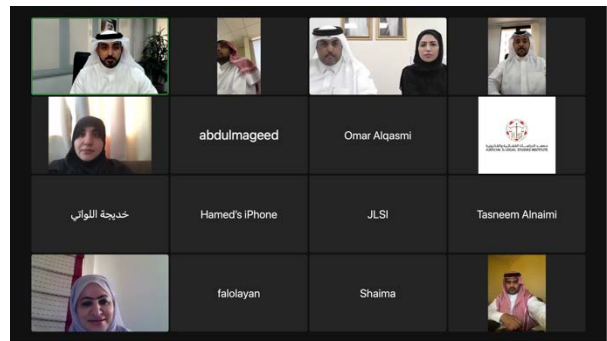


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 كما أنه يحدد آليات التحقيق في حالات التعذيب  
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**August 1:** The Special Investigation Unit organized a virtual lecture for the members of the Public Security Forces at the Southern Governorate Police Directorate, on the unit's work and its legal competencies.

**August 17:** The Special Investigation Unit organized a virtual lecture, in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Cooperation GCC, on the establishment of the unit and its terms of reference, with the participation of members of the Public Prosecution and Public Prosecution agencies from all Gulf countries and representatives from the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council.



**October 26:** Under the generous patronage of His Excellency the Attorney General, Dr. Ali bin Fadhel Al-Buainain, the Special Investigation Unit launched the "National Training Program to Enhance the Capability of Persons Responsible for the Protection of Human Rights in the Criminal Justice System" in cooperation and joint coordination with the United Nations Development Programmed, the Royal Academy of Police, and the Institute of Judicial and legal Studies, with the participation of a group of officials and affiliates of national institutions, mechanisms and agencies concerned with the protection of human rights and those in charge of law enforcement.



## Second: International Participations:

**June 21 and 22:** The head and members of the unit participated in the annual meeting of the United Nations Development Program on the rule of law and human rights in order to sustain peace and promote development, which was held virtually for two consecutive days, and dealt with several axes related to human rights, sustainable development and justice.



independence and speed of investigations into allegations of torture and ill-treatment.

**November 7:** The head of the unit participated in a delegation The Kingdom of Bahrain to discuss the fourth national report within the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, where he reviewed before the Council the steps taken by the Kingdom to ensure the

**November 17 and 18:** The head of the unit participated in the discussion sessions of the Kingdom of Bahrain's comprehensive report on the progress made in implementing the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which was held via visual communication technology, during which he spoke about the constitutional rules and basic principles upon which the Kingdom of Bahrain is based to achieve its goals and future vision, which is based on equality in rights and duties and the prevention of discrimination in all its forms.

### Third: Visits:



**February 14:** Lord Tariq Ahmed, Special Representative to the Prime Minister and Minister for South Asian, United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs in the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, visits the Special Investigation Unit.

**April 19:** Visit of Mr. Firas Gharaibah, Head of United Nations Development Program's office to the Special Investigation Unit.



**September 19:** Paula Jacques and Stephen Burnside International experts in dealing with children, visit the Special Investigation Unit.