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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

The Kingdom of Bahrain, guided by its comprehensive national vision, has consistently sought to entrench human rights principles as a fundamental pillar in building a state based on the rule of law and strong institutions. This has been achieved through the development of legislation, the enhancement of transparency, and the consolidation of the principle of accountability, in a manner consistent with its international obligations and reflective of its sincere commitment to safeguarding human dignity across all practices and fields.

Within this framework, the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) continues to carry out its mission as an independent judicial body within the criminal justice system, with the protection of rights and freedoms as a central objective. This is realized through the investigation and disposition of allegations related to crimes of torture and ill-treatment, in accordance with the highest international standards of documentation and inquiry,

thereby ensuring the achievement of expeditious justice and the supremacy of the rule of law.

Stemming from its belief in the importance of sustainable institutional development, SIU has, since its establishment, been keen to strengthen its technical and human capacities and to expand the scope of its cooperation with national and international entities. In parallel, it continues its efforts to promote legal and human rights awareness and to implement specialized training programs, contributing to the consolidation of a human rights culture within law enforcement institutions.

This 2025 Annual Report reflects SIU's firm commitment to the principle of transparency, presenting the details of its work over the past year within the context of its ongoing endeavor to enhance public trust and to entrench the principles of justice and fairness.

On this occasion, the Special Investigation Unit extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Attorney General, Dr. Ali bin Fadhul Al Buainain, for his continued support and unwavering assistance, which have had a profound impact on enabling SIU to perform its duties with efficiency and professionalism. SIU also expresses its deep gratitude to all its partners from national and international entities for their constructive cooperation in supporting its efforts and advancing its mission.

As the Special Investigation Unit reaffirms its determination to continue its work with full credibility, it renews its commitment to persist in fulfilling its mandate through a serious and principled approach characterized by integrity and transparency in the enforcement of the rule of law, with the aim of achieving justice at its highest level, in line with the comprehensive national vision to entrench human rights principles.

May Allah grant success.

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Complaints Received by the SIU During the Year 2025

First

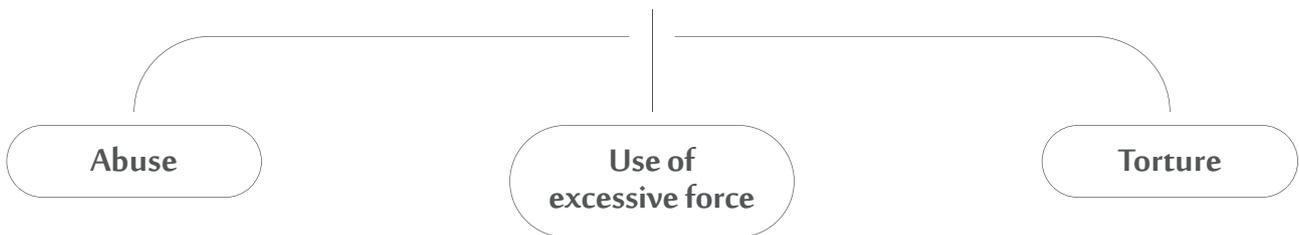
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Second

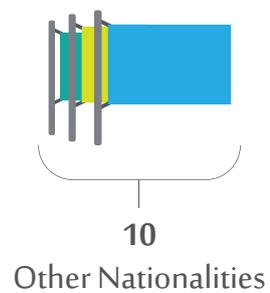
Classification of Complaints

The allegations contained in the complaints varied between



Third

Nationalities of Complainants



Fourth

Gender and Age of Complainants

Gender	Male	Female
	49	8
Age	Age	No. of People
	Under 18	6
	18 and Above	51
Total	57	

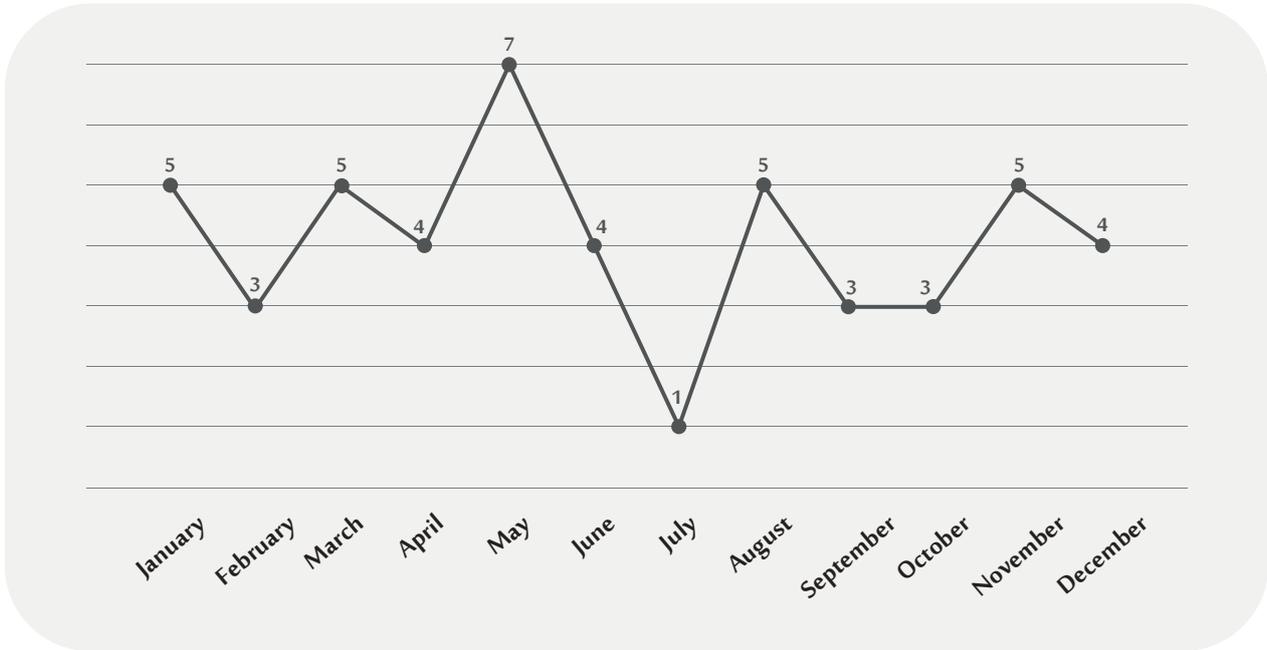
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Sources of Complaints

Public Prosecution	Ombudsman Office	Victims or their Relatives
20	11	8
Website / Email	SIU Monitoring	Lawyers
5	2	2
Ministry of Interior	Total	
1	49	

Sixth

Complaints by Month



January	5	February	3	March	5	April	4	May	7	June	4
July	1	August	5	September	3	October	3	November	5	December	4

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PART
TWO

SIU Work During the
Year 2025

First

Complainants and Witnesses Interviewed



January
5
4

February
2
3

March
7
5

April
2
8

May
6
2

June
4
5

July
2
6

August
4
2

September
3
0

October
6
1

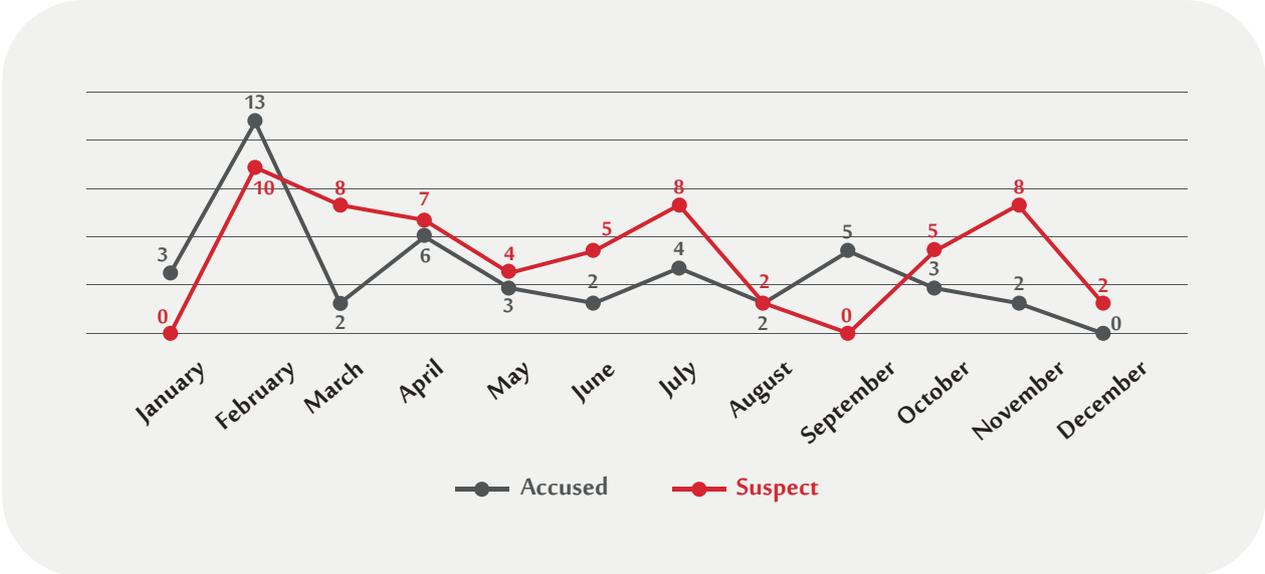
November
5
6

December
6
2

Total	
Complainants	52
Witnesses	44

Second

Accused and Suspects Interrogated



January
3
0

February
13
10

March
2
8

April
6
7

May
3
4

June
2
5

July
4
8

August
2
2

September
5
0

October
3
5

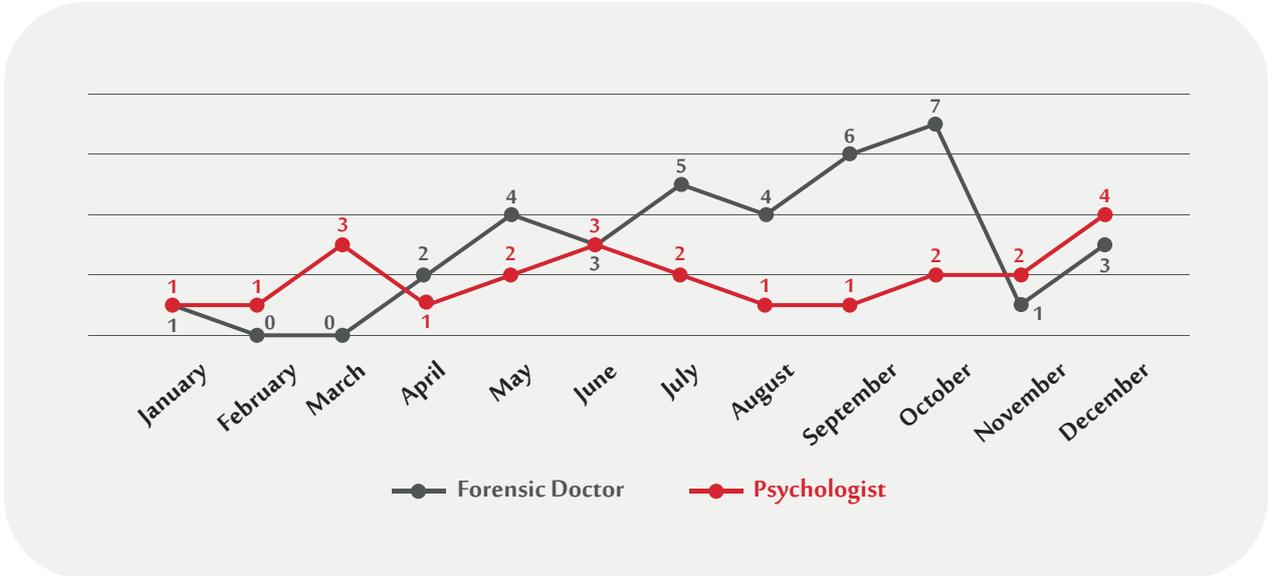
November
2
8

December
0
2

Total	
Accused	➤ 45
Suspects	➤ 59

Third

Forensic Medicine and Psychological Support Division



January
1
1

February
0
1

March
0
3

April
2
1

May
4
2

June
3
3

July
5
2

August
4
1

September
6
1

October
7
2

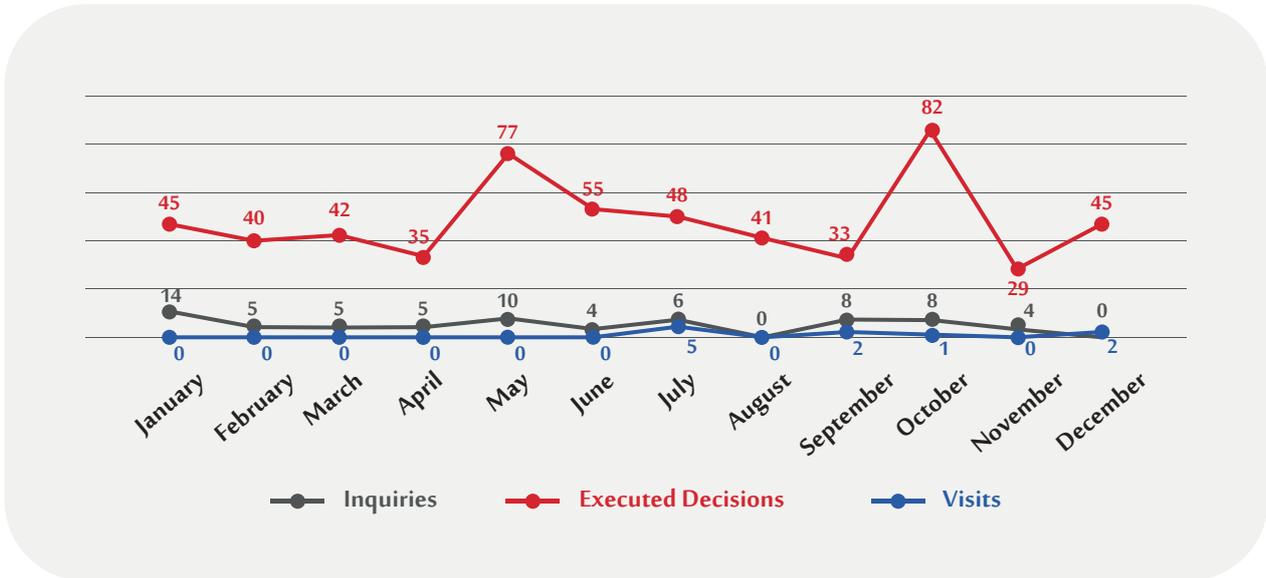
November
1
2

December
3
4

Total
Forensic Doctor ¹ > 36
Psychologist > 23

¹ The cases referred to the forensic doctor include conducting medical examinations, reviewing available medical reports or investigation updates, and providing technical opinions

Fourth Judicial Police Division



January
14
45
0

February
5
40
0

March
5
42
0

April
5
35
0

May
10
77
0

June
4
55
0

July
6
48
5

August
0
41
0

September
8
33
2

October
8
82
1

November
4
29
0

December
0
45
2

Total		
Inquiries ➤	69	Executed Decisions ➤
		572
		Visits ² ➤
		10

² Visits: the visits of members of the judicial police to any location in execution of the decisions issued by SIU.

Fifth

Victim and Witness Affairs Division

Procedure Type	No.
Communication with Victims and Their Families and Informing Them of the Legal Procedures Taken	13
Psychological support for victims	1
Protection requests	1
Total	15

Sixth

Responses to Local and International Inquiries and Reports

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Reports

SIU prepared 4 reports in response to inquiries received.

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PART
THREE

Complaints Referred to Competent
Courts During the Year 2025

First

Referral to Criminal Courts



Second

Referral to the Police Courts Administration at the Ministry of Interior for Disciplinary Sanctions



Third

Criminal Judgments

Accusation	No. of Accused	Court & Ruling Date	Ruling
Assault	1	Minor Criminal Court 12/11/2025	The court sentenced the defendant to one month imprisonment, suspending execution with 100 Bahraini Dinars bail.
		Appeal 27/11/2025	The court upheld the judgment, rejecting the appeal on the merits.
Assault and insult	2	Minor Criminal Court 24/12/2025	The court sentenced the defendant to three month's imprisonment, suspending execution with 500 Bahraini Dinars bail.
		Appeal 28/01/2026	The court upheld the judgment, rejecting the appeal on the merits.

Fourth

Disciplinary Sanctions

SIU received disciplinary sanctions issued by the Police Courts Administration at the Ministry of Interior in three separate cases against nine police members. SIU had previously ordered their referral to the Police Courts Administration for disciplinary accountability. These sanctions were as follows:

Deferral of Promotion

Salary Deduction

Warning

Conviction Rate



100%

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PART
FOUR

Training Programmes and
Activities During the Year 2025

First

Training Programmes and Participations



April 30

The Head of the Special Investigation Unit participates in a workshop titled "Administering Justice and Law Enforcement: New Horizons for Promoting Human Rights," organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior. This workshop was part of a series of workshops for preparing the National Human Rights Plan for the Kingdom of Bahrain for the years 2027-2031.

During the workshop, the SIU Head presented a working paper titled "Enhancing Legal Accountability to Prevent Violations and Protect Human Rights." The paper addressed the well-established approach of the Kingdom of Bahrain in protecting human rights and the alignment of its legislation with relevant international conventions. It highlighted the Kingdom's unique initiative in establishing national mechanisms dedicated to addressing any violations of these rights and reviewed the SIU's role in promoting the rule of law and ensuring accountability.

August 4

SIU delivers an introductory lecture on its role and mandates to a group of University of Bahrain students, as part of their training program at the Public Prosecution.



October 5

SIU organizes an introductory seminar in cooperation with the College of Law at the University of Bahrain. The seminar highlighted the most prominent international standards relevant to human rights, in addition to reviewing the SIU's tasks, mandates, and working mechanisms in the fields of investigation and accountability.



November 18-19

SIU Head participates as part of the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the session to discuss the Fourth National Report before the United Nations Committee Against Torture in Geneva.



December 10

In the presence of His Excellency the Attorney General, the Special Investigation Unit organizes a workshop titled "From Documentation to Accountability: A Review of the Revised Istanbul Protocol to Enhance National Protection." The event was held at the Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies and was attended by representatives of national entities concerned with law enforcement and criminal justice, as well as several civil society organizations.

The workshop aimed to introduce the provisions of the Istanbul Protocol, especially following the release of its revised version in 2022. It reviewed the key amendments made compared to the previous version, in addition to building the capacities of participants in documenting cases of torture and ill-treatment in accordance with international standards and enhancing cooperation and coordination among relevant national bodies.

December 15

In cooperation with the Royal Police Academy, the SIU Deputy Head delivers a lecture on the SIU's role within the criminal justice system, as part of the foundational training course for new police recruits.

Reviewing the Istanbul Protocol

Following the release of the revised version of the Istanbul Protocol in 2022 and its translation into Arabic in April 2025, SIU initiates a series of internal sessions involving its members and experts. The aim was to study the principles and standards outlined in the revised Protocol.

These sessions analyzed the contents of the Protocol, reviewed documentation methodologies, covered forensic medical and psychological aspects, and explored optimal investigation mechanisms aligned with international standards. Between May and October 2025, SIU held 7 sessions, culminating in 41 recommendations and proposals. These outcomes directly contributed to enhancing the quality of investigations and reinforcing accountability standards.

Second Recognition of SIU



February 26

On the sidelines of the inaugural workshop for preparing the National Human Rights Plan for the Kingdom of Bahrain for the years 2027-2031, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee, honors the Special Investigation Unit in recognition of its dedicated efforts in following up on and implementing projects under the National Human Rights Plan for the years 2022-2026.

Third Visits



January 14

Ms. Asma Chelbi, the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Kingdom of Bahrain, visits the SIU.



March 6

Dr. Mohamed Ali Al-Khuzaiie, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the Shura Council, along with a number of committee members, visits the SIU.



May 13

Mr. David Brownstein, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of the United States of America in the Kingdom of Bahrain, visits the SIU.



December 9

Ms. Fiona Walker, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the United Kingdom in the Kingdom of Bahrain, visits the SIU.



