



# Using Technology in Juvenile Cases Investigations

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# Establishment of Juveniles Prosecution

**Juveniles Prosecution (JP) was established in 2006 headed by Head of Prosecution and a number of public prosecutors.**

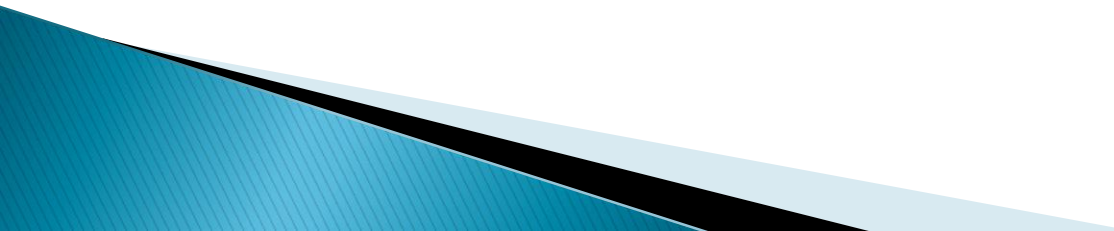
**Decision No. 62/2008 Public Prosecution.**

**Three social specialists were attached to the JP for technical support.**

**Their attendance is obligatory vide the Attorney General's Decision, as well as they shall report to the JP.**



# Investigations Governing Laws

- **Bahrain Penal Law.**
  - **Bahrain Child Law (2013).**
  - **Juveniles Law (1976) amended 2013 & 2014.**
  - **International Conventions on the Rights of the Child.**
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# Reception of Notifications Mechanisms

- **Personal attendance before the public prosecution without any letters or other documents.**
- **Reception of notifications from government Ministries through letters, periodical meetings or news.**
- **From Child Protection Center (through hotline or personal attendance).**
- **From Juveniles Housing Center.**
- **Remittance of cases from other prosecutions offices (to Juveniles Prosecution) for non-jurisdiction.**

# Role of Social Specialists and their Impact on Investigation

- ❖ Allocation of Social Specialists (SS).
- ❖ Handover of file to the SS for review.
- ❖ Prepare the juvenile and guardian for investigation.
- ❖ Juvenile Scanning and best options recommendations.
- ❖ Interview the guardian and prepare the child for the same.
- ❖ Attendance of investigation sessions with the member of prosecution & the child.
- ❖ Perform the investigation in specially-designed rooms.
- ❖ Use of psychological or psychiatric specialists, if needed.
- ❖ Accompany members of prosecutions or The Judge of juveniles court when visiting juveniles housing.
- ❖ They also have another role:
- ❖ Participate in child-concerned committees meetings.
- ❖ Awareness role in schools and social centers.
- ❖ Assist in preparing social researches on children in case of guardianship decision by a Sharia Court.

# Child meeting in investigation rooms

# Investigation Room





## Another corner of the Investigation Room





# Third corner and reflecting Glass



# The Role of Social Specialist in the Investigation



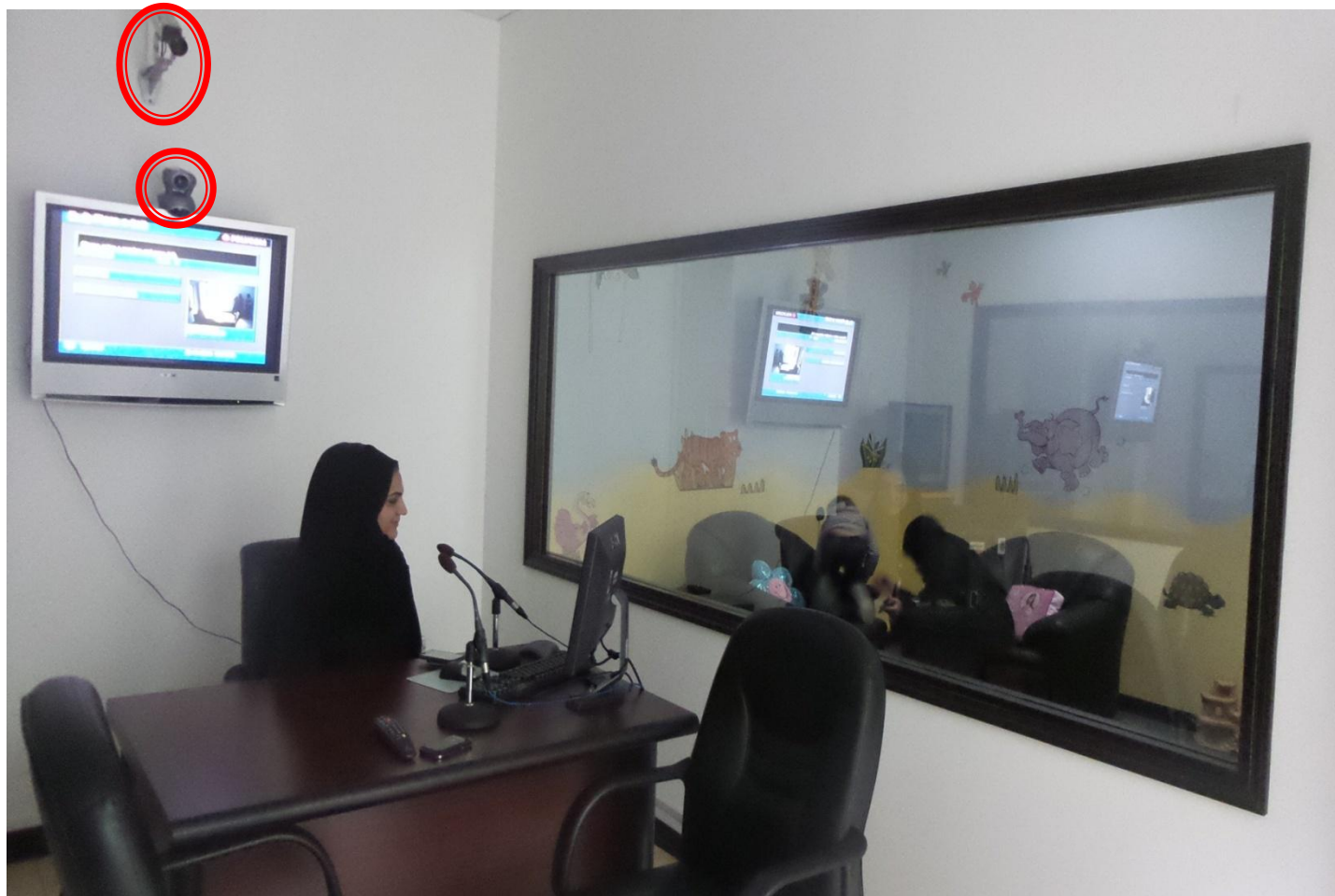




# Friendly Investigation with Toys



# Prosecutor's Location



# Live to the Courtroom





# Suspects Show Mirror



# **Assistance Request from Special Investigations Unit in Child's Rights Protection**


## ❖ What is the Investigation Unit; Purposes & Goals:

- ▶ In line with the Bahrain Independent Fact Finding Committee specifically the provisions of article 1716 of Basoni recommendations regarding the investigations of torture, violence and inhumane treatment during the incidents and the National Safety Declaration.
- ▶ The Committee was formed thereof according to the international standards.

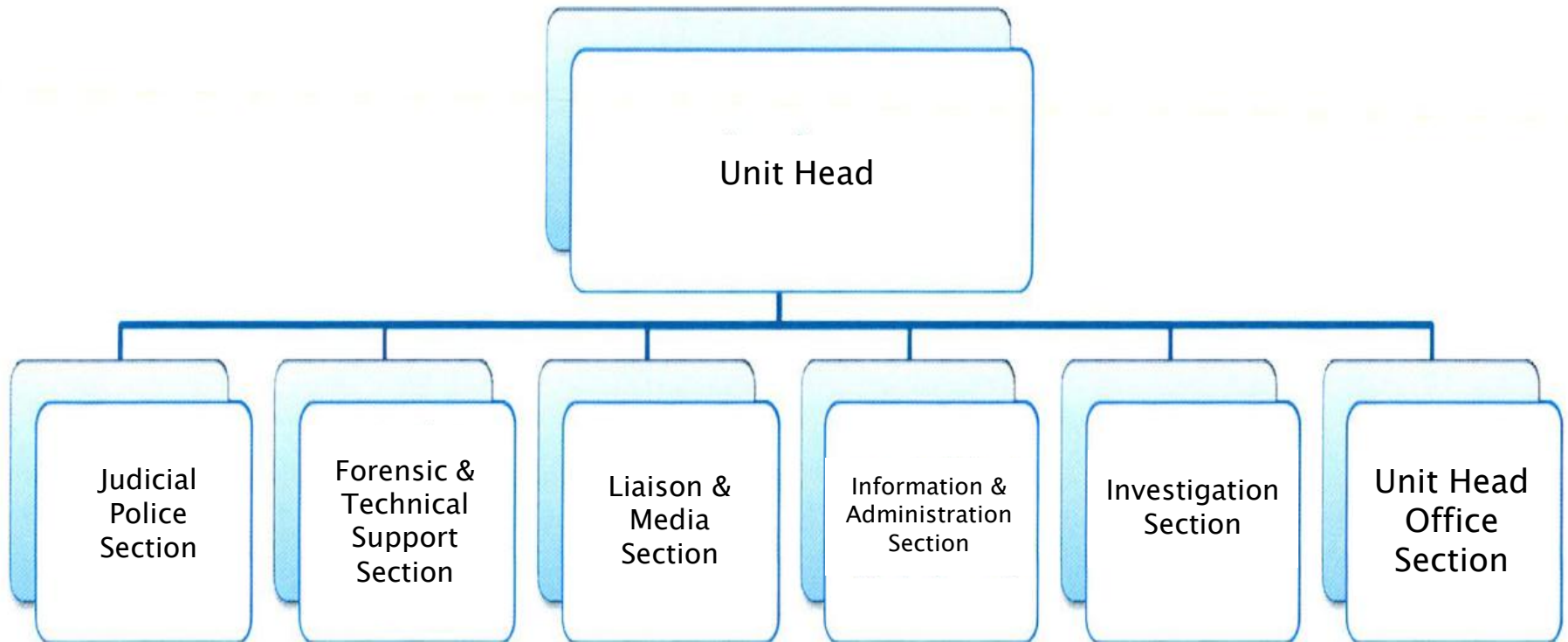
## ❖ Legal Mechanism:

- ▶ H.E Attorney General's decision No. 8 dated 27 Feb 2012 regarding the formation of Unit.
- ▶ The Unit works independently, headed Senior Prosecutor and seven full-time Prosecutors.

## ❖ Unit Members' Technical Experiences

- ▶ Coordinated with UN Office in GCC region.
  - ▶ In coordination with American Lawyers Association a training program to train unit members in investigations of human rights, torture and inhumane treatment cases.
  - ▶ In addition to courses and workshops.
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# Investigation Unit Organizational Structure



# Investigation Unit Jurisdiction

- ▶ Investigation and dealing with torture, deaths and inhumane treatment accusations during Feb 2011 incidents and during National Safety Declaration period.
- ▶ Subsequent accusations of violations and National Safety Declaration period according to international standards.

(as stated in Istanbul Protocol to determine the criminal liability against government officials accused for such violations under the “Leadership Responsibility Principle”

- ▶ Determination of penal liability and case referral to the court or concerned administrative government authority.

(H.E Attorney General specified these jurisdictions for Unit Tasks (1/7/2013) in a 65 Articles in 6 chapters, as a comprehensive integrated guide serving the public interest in general and child interests specifically)

- Liaison with the General Secretariat of organizations (prisons, juvenile and adult houses complaints).
- Liaison with National Foundation of Human Rights or other human rights organizations.

# Investigation Mechanisms

- ▶ In furtherance to Child Rights Convention provisions to provide child with protection for his/her own best benefit and in light of Istanbul Protocol (which is a legal and human binding obligation).
- ▶ The Unit resolved the difficulties the Juveniles Prosecution face, specifically at the outset of incidents because of violation accusations during unlicensed crowd dispersal, capture or during investigations.

- ▶ Notification Mechanism

- ▶ Prepare the case minute for the original incident.

(separate minute for the notification attached with an initial request for forensic specialist to do the check.

Immediate referral to investigation to preserve the evidences and their rights.

- ▶ The Unit has the final decision to prove or negate the incident using its Sections' Reports.

- ▶ Juvenile Centers Notifications:

- ▶ Either from the child himself or his guardian.



**Thank you**

