Case Study



Jau & Hidd Prisons, Bahrain, have high IQ

On Sunday 1st January 2017, 5 armed men stormed the Jau prison in Bahrain, killing a prison officer and enabling 10 convicts to escape.
The Jau Prison is one of the three large prisons for men in Bahrain.

In its efforts to improve security in the facility, the Ministry of Interior implemented a large CCTV network in and around the prison. Initially the prison was only considering a recording system for the prison as they felt they had sufficient guards and their budget was constrained. However after due consideration they implemented an iOmniscient system with Smart Compression. The savings in their storage requirement was sufficient to fund all the intelligence required.

The system is used to count inmates as they move from one sector to another in a prison. It can help in detecting fights and preventing suicides. It can detect if foreign objects (such as mobile phones or drugs) are thrown over the fence line. It can ensure that visitors are not wanted criminals and can manage access and parking.

The same system has now been implemented at Hidd Prison which is the second largest prison in Bahrain.

“We were positively surprised by two things,” said Mr J Postwalla, Consultant to the Bahrain Ministry of the Interior, which is responsible for these prisons. “First it was amazing to see the breadth and comprehensiveness of the applications from iOmniscient. These were far more extensive than we could find from all the other suppliers combined. Secondly, with their unique Smart Compression we saved so much on storage that the cost of the whole system was lower than if we had just purchased a simple recording systems”.

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