

**So when was the last time you left the camp on Saadiyat Island, Sharif?**

**If you mean other than the bus to work, I haven't left since I came here, eight months ago.**

By August 2014 it is clear that the vast majority of workers who have lived in the Saadiyat Accommodation Village since 2010, or will live here in the near future, have as a "best practice", zero contact with the city they are surrounded by, or indeed the one they are building.

Sharif\* from West Bengal currently works on ultra-luxury homes called Saadiyat Villas, a stone's throw from the Louvre and Guggenheim museum sites, for a salary including allowances of 720 AED or 196 USD a month.

\*yes, name changed