

URGENT ACTION

STOP EXECUTION OF BANGLADESHI MAN

On 16 November 2009, the Court of Cassation in Bahrain upheld the death penalty against Jassim Abdulmanan, a male Bangladeshi national. The execution is now pending ratification by the King, His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa. If the King ratifies the death sentence, Jassim Abdulmanan could be executed within weeks.

Jassim Abdulmanan was sentenced to death by the High Criminal Court on 17 January 2007, after he had been found guilty of the premeditated murder on 23 October 2005, of his compatriot Ridar Mian. Two other Bangladeshi nationals were sentenced to life imprisonment in the same case. The three men lodged an appeal and on 6 April 2009, the Supreme Appeal Court reduced the two life sentences to 15 years' imprisonment, but upheld the death sentence for Jassim Abdulmanan.

PLEASE WRITE IMMEDIATELY in Arabic, English or your own language.

- √ Calling for His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa not to ratify the death sentence of Jassim Abdulmanan;
- √ acknowledging that the government has the right and responsibility to bring to justice those responsible for criminal offences, but expressing unconditional opposition to the death penalty;
- √ urging the King to commute the sentences of all those facing possible execution in Bahrain.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 30 DECEMBER 2009 TO:

The King

His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa

King of Bahrain

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The death penalty is rarely used in Bahrain. In the last five years at least six people have been sentenced to death. In December 2006 three Bangladeshi nationals were executed, the first people to be put to death in Bahrain since 1996. Executions carried out in Bahrain are usually by firing squad.

Amnesty International fears that the death penalty in Bahrain is disproportionately and overwhelmingly used against foreign nationals.

In December 2008, the Bahraini government abstained in the vote for a UN resolution calling for moratorium on executions. The resolution was passed by a vote of 106 in favour to 46 against, with 34 abstentions.

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