

I am writing this to express my grave concern for 11 men who have been sentenced to death after a trial that failed to meet international standards for fair trial. They had been convicted under the Anti-Terrorism Law in connection with the August 2009 bombing of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry in Baghdad, where more than 100 people were killed.

Their names are Mustafa Muhammad Abbas Farhan, Ishaq Muhammad Abbas Farhan, Saddam Hussein Abbas Farhan, Misar 'Ali Salman Nasir, Ali 'Abd al-Sada Sakran Ziyad, Salim 'Abd al-Jassim Muhammad Mustaf, Kilan Kamil 'Ali Sharqi, 'Assim Mazin Hussein Hamid, Firas 'Abdallah Fathi 'Abd al-Rahman, 'Abd Al-Qadir Naji Hussein and Hamid Hudair Thuweini Mahdi.

I urge you to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into those 11 men's allegations that they were tortured and coerced into "confessions" and to be informed about the findings of such investigation.

I also urge you to declare an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty, and to commute without delay all death sentences.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,