

I am writing to express my grave concern on the case that on 29 January, Bahrain's Court of Cassation upheld the death sentence imposed against Maher Abbas Ahmad following a trial which relied on confessions extracted under torture. If the King ratifies his sentences, he will be at imminent risk of execution.

Could you order to quash the death sentence imposed on Maher Abbas Ahmad, order a full retrial without recourse to the death penalty and where no evidence obtained under torture is used and investigate his allegations of torture?

I am urging the Bahraini government to acknowledge their responsibility to protect the public and bring to justice those who commit crimes, but insisting that this should always be done in accordance with international law and Bahrain's international human rights obligations.

I am also urging them to commute all death sentences and declare an official moratorium on executions.

Yours sincerely,