

Your Highness;

I call on you to ensure the convictions of the 34 men are quashed and to order a retrial before an ordinary criminal court in accordance with international fair trial standards, including the right to appeal, and without recourse to the death penalty, and add that those under 18 at the time of arrests should be retried in a court abiding by international standards of juvenile justice.

And I call on you to ensure that any “confessions” obtained by torture and other ill-treatment are not used as evidence in court and that the men are protected from any further ill-treatment and calling on you to order an independent and impartial investigation into the allegations of torture, in line with the Istanbul protocol.

Yours respectfully,