

I am writing to express my grave concern on Taimoor Karimi, lawyer, who was stripped of his nationality in 2012 and has been effectively rendered stateless. He is at risk of imminent expulsion after the Appeal Court in Manama upheld his sentence on 23 May.

The right to a nationality, which must not be deprived arbitrarily, is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) to which Bahrain is a state party.

I urge you not to proceed with the expulsion of Taimoor Karimi.
And I urge you to rescind the decision to strip him of his nationality.

Yours respectfully,