

I am writing this letter to express my grave concern for Sheikh Abdel Rehim Abdel Halim Gabreel, an 80-old Quran tutor, whose death sentence has been upheld by the Court of Cassation on 24 September in relation to the 2013 attack on a police station in Kerdasa.

Sheikh Abdel Rehim Gabreel does not have any political affiliation and has not participated in the criminal acts at Kerdasa. He was investigated without a lawyer, and two prosecution witnesses denied the testimonies written in the affidavits presented by the prosecution and that incriminated Sheikh Abdel Rehim Gabreel.

His overall physical and psychological health is deteriorating in prison, and even though he suffers from some serious health problems, he has no access to adequate health care and the prison authorities do not allow his family to provide him with all the medication he needs.

I urge you to immediately grant Sheikh Abdel Rehim Gabreel a presidential pardon to halt his execution.

I also urge you to halt any planned executions, to commute all existing death sentences and immediately establish an official moratorium on executions, with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

In addition, I call on you to ensure that Sheikh Abdel Rehim Gabreel has adequate and regular access to qualified health professionals providing health care, including access to prescribed medication, in compliance with medical ethics, including the principles of confidentiality.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely yours,