

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Your Majesty,

I am writing to you for an urgent appeal to protect the right to life of two of your subjects: Mohamed Ramadhan and Hussain Moosa were condemned to death in 2014. The sentence was confirmed yesterday by the High Court of Appeal of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Human Rights Committee of the Italian Senate, which I am honoured to chair, has deep respect for the laws and culture of all countries and follows closely the protection of fundamental human rights throughout the world, particularly in our own country, Italy.

Italy has excellent and friendly relations with Bahrain and its people, as shown by our growing and fruitful economic and trade relations. Since 2004, the Formula 1 Grand Prix has been an important opportunity for your country to gain visibility not only for motor racing fans but for global public opinion.

For this very reason it is essential that Bahrain associate itself with the international community in respecting the founding value of every society, the respect for the right to life.

I am convinced that it is precisely because of its justified ambition to be a full member of the community of peoples and States of the world, who shares the values of the entire international community, that the Kingdom of Bahrain has signed important international documents that protect human life at all times and in all circumstances: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Convention against Torture and Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

May I ask Your Majesty again to pay special attention to death sentences and the cases of Mohamed Ramadhan and Hussain Moosa and to consider commuting the death penalty into a prison term, as provided for in the legislation of your own country.

I appeal to your sense of humanity, so that Bahrain, through an initiative that will be appreciated by public opinion globally, can contribute to strengthening sympathy for your people.

Please accept, Your Majesty, expression of my deepest respect.

(signed)

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