



French parliamentarians call on Bahrain not to execute two torture victims

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On July 13th, 2020, the Bahrain's Court of Cassation [reinstated](#) the death sentences of two men, Mohamed Ramadhan and Husain Moosa who were arrested in 2014 for their participation in peaceful pro-democracy protests since 2011. They face imminent execution, subject to less than 24 hours' notice given to their families.

Mr. Ramadhan and Mr. Moosa were [tortured](#) into confessing to crimes they did not commit. Mr. [Moosa](#) was repeatedly beaten until he signed a confession claiming to have participated in a bombing that resulted in the death of a police officer. Mr. [Ramadhan](#) was arrested on his workplace, Bahrain International Airport, and taken to the Criminal Investigations Directorate, where he was tied up and beaten. He was detained and tortured for four days, during which time he states his interrogating officers admitted that they knew he was innocent of any crime, but labeled him a traitor. Based on this confession, he and Mr. Ramadhan were tried, found guilty and sentenced to death. Mr. Ramadhan describes the outcome of his trial shared with Mr. Moosa as a “forgone conclusion” and says they were not allowed to see a lawyer before their death sentences.

Members of the European Parliament [describe](#) the trial of Mohamed Ramadhan and Husain Moosa as a violation of the Istanbul Protocol and other fair trial standards. In March, they [wrote](#) to the King of Bahrain expressing their grave concern over the breaches of fair trial proceedings and over the torture suffered by Mr. Ramadhan and Mr. Moosa.

In January this year, Italian Senator Valeria Fedeli [called on](#) the Bahraini government to suspend the death sentences of the two men, recognizing Italy's responsibility to uphold both the right and international laws against the death penalty. On July 8th, former Lord Speaker Baroness D'Souza addressed the United Kingdom House of Lords [denouncing](#) the unfair trial of Mr. Ramadhan and Mr. Moosa while calling for a stay of the decision to execute the two men. Finally, on July 11th, just two days before Mr. Ramadhan and Mr. Moosa were sentenced to death again, United States Representative James P. McGovern [called](#) on Bahrain to release the men or commute their sentences.

French parliamentarians join their European and American colleagues, the Americans for Democracy and Human Rights in Bahrain (ADHRB), Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in calling for the immediate cessation of the executions of Mr. Ramadhan and Mr. Moosa and for

their sentences to be commuted. They are deeply concerned about their treatment and the unfairness of the trials. They call on the Bahraini government to respect its international commitment to human rights by establishing a permanent moratorium on death sentences in the country.

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