



His Majesty The King
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Letter to King Charles III: Visit of Bahrain King and Human Rights

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Sir,

We are writing to respectfully request that Your Majesty raise human rights concerns during Your Majesty's forthcoming meeting with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, following Your Majesty's invitation.

There are pressing challenges in Bahrain, including the arbitrary imprisonment of opposition leaders and activists for their role in calling for democratic change—calls that were met with violence and repression. Many of those advocating for reform have been subjected to torture, unfair trials, and life sentences.

We sincerely urge Your Majesty to raise the case of prominent human rights defenders and leading opposition activists, namely:

- Abduljalil Al-Singace, an [award-winning](#) human rights defender, blogger, and scholar, [has been arbitrarily detained](#) since 2011. Dr. Al-Singace has been on a liquids-only hunger [strike](#) to protest the confiscation of his research manuscripts for over three years.
- Hassan Mushaima, a Bahraini opposition leader aged 76, has been [arbitrarily detained](#) since 2011. He, along with Dr. Al-Singace, has been [denied](#) adequate medical care, sunlight and ventilation despite being held in a medical centre, where he has been held in prolonged solitary confinement since 2021.
- Sheikh Ali Salman, the leader of the dissolved opposition party Al-Wefaq, has been imprisoned since 2014. Amnesty International [called](#) his 2018 life imprisonment conviction “a travesty of justice.”
- Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, an [award-winning](#) Danish-Bahraini human rights defender, has been [arbitrarily](#) detained since 2011 solely for exercising his fundamental rights. He was subjected to [severe](#) physical, sexual, and psychological torture by Bahraini authorities.
- Mohammed Habib al-Muqdad, a Swedish-Bahraini religious figure and opposition activist, has been detained for his role in the 2011 Uprising. He is [considered](#) a “prisoner of conscience” by Amnesty International.

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Additionally, 26 individuals remain on death row, facing imminent execution. Many have reported torture and unfair trials, including Mohammed Ramadan and Husain Moosa, who have spent over a decade [unlawfully](#) detained and face death sentences following trials tainted by torture allegations.

King Hamad's visit to the UK occurs as families of death row inmates and political prisoners voice deep concerns over the fate of their loved ones, many of whom are at risk of abuse and torture. Some are currently held in solitary confinement and incommunicado detention.

Given Your Majesty's longstanding and firm commitment to supporting human dignity, Your Majesty's intervention with Bahrain's King could profoundly impact the lives of individuals who are imprisoned solely for exercising their rights and potentially save those facing imminent execution.

With highest consideration,

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