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Mohamed Ramadan and Hussein Ali Moosa

Mohamed Ramadan and Hussein Ali Moosa were arrested in February 2014 without an arrest warrant. They were accused, without evidence, of participating in an attack that caused the death of a police officer in the village of Al-Dair. Terrorism became the main charge that gave the authorities the latitude to hand down the death sentence. During their arrest, Mohamed and Hussein were subjected to torture. Mohamed Ramadan was beaten on the back and genitals with an iron bar, stripped naked, sexually assaulted, and insulted for participating in the protests. This violence lasted 11 days at the Al-Riffa police station. As for Hussein Moosa, he was beaten with tonfas on his face and back, sexually assaulted, threatened with rape with a stick and was prevented from eating and drinking.

The purpose of the torture was to make them confess to committing the crime and to get them to sign confessions. Hussein was forced to confess while incriminating Mohamed.

The two detainees denounced the torture to which they were subjected before the prosecutor and then during the various trials in which they pleaded not guilty. They also said they were forced to sign confessions.

On December 29, 2014 they were sentenced to death. Initially confirmed by the Court of Cassation in November 2015, this judgment was overturned in October 2018 after the Bahraini Special Investigation Units raised the use of torture against Mohamed Ramadan and Hussein Ali Moosa in order to obtain their confessions, based on medical reports. Despite this decision, the Court of Appeal reinstated their death sentences without further investigation and based on the same evidence, which the Court of Cassation (Supreme Court) definitively confirmed on 13 July 2020. They have now been on death row for more than 9 years, without knowing when they will be executed.

In a statement communicated by his wife, Mohamed said, "I have been sentenced to death... I want my voice to be heard by those who believe in the principles of justice and equality... I am innocent of the crime of which I am accused, and the trial was a travesty of justice. My death will be illegal, yet it was [ordered] by law."

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