

King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud  
Office of His Majesty the King  
Royal Court, Riyadh  
SAUDI-ARABIEN

Your Majesty,

I am very concerned that Abdullah al-Derazi and Jalal Labbad are at imminent risk of execution and will be put to death should you ratify their death sentences. Both young men were under the age of 18 at the time of their alleged crimes.

Both men were sentenced in grossly unfair trials that lacked procedural safeguards. They had no access to legal representation during their pre-trial detention and told the court that they were tortured to "confess". The court did not investigate their claims of torture and other ill-treatment. By sentencing the two men to death, Saudi authorities have reneged on their own promises to end the use of the death penalty for crimes committed by persons below eighteen years of age.

I therefore respectfully urge you not to ratify the death sentences of Abdullah al-Derazi and Jalal Abbad, and to ask the competent authorities to quash their convictions and order a fair retrial without recourse to the death penalty. Furthermore, I call on you to order a prompt, impartial, independent, and effective investigation into the defendants' claims of torture and ill-treatment recorded in court documents reviewed by Amnesty International. Lastly, please ensure that Saudi Arabia establishes an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

Yours sincerely,

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