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**KATAR**

**Subject: Hazza and Rashed bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri**

Your Excellency

I learned that Hazza bin Ali Abu Shurayda al-Marri and his brother Rashedhave been sentenced to life imprisonment. The reason for this is that they have criticized a law concerning the Shura council.

I read that they have not just been imprisoned but spent half a year in solitary confinement. I consider this torture.

Furthermore, I feel that criticizing something is an everyday manner, a way of using ones freedom of expression in the country one lives in. The best decisions and the wisest policy result from discussions and arguments, not from fear.

I ask you to let them free for they are humans as I am. Until they can leave the prison, please make sure that they can contact their families and lawyers. And please make sure that the get the medical treatments they need.

Kind regards

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**VIETNAM**

**Subject: Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức**

Your Excellency

I got to know that your citizen Trần Huỳnh Duy Thức is imprisoned due to political reasons. In a blog he made economical and political problems in Vietnam a subject of discussion. I consider this not a crime but a usual way of political expression. The best decisions and the wisest policy result from discussions and arguments, not from fear.  
But most important, he stated that his confession was made under torture. A confession obtained by this way is invalid.

I kindly ask you to make use of the amnesty mechanism which exists in Vietnamese law and to release him.  
Until he can leave the prison, please make sure that his imprisonment meets international standards, that he is not being tortured or ill-treated in other ways and that he gets the medical treatments he needs. He also needs to have contact to his family and lawyer – therefore he needs to be transferred to a prison that is closer to the town where his family lives. He deserves being treated as a human being as I am and you are.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards

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**SAUDI-ARABIEN**

**Subject: Sulaimon Olufemi / Olyfemi**

Your Majesty

I heard the story of the Nigerian citizen Sulaimon Olufemi. In 2002 he has been imprisoned together with hundreds of other citizens from Somalia, Ghana and Nigeria because a policeman had died. He has been sentenced to death. But his confession was made under torture. Until now he pleads not guilty.

Your Majesty, I kindly ask you to pardon Sulaimon Olufemi. The other persons who had been in prison with him have been freed after they spent 15 years in prison. He spent 20 years in prison.

Furthermore, I kindly ask you to investigate the alleged torture and ill-treatment. Things like this should not happen and your Kingdom does not need torture, it is strong and big enough.

One last plea: Could you make sure that he can regularly see a lawyer of his choice?

Kind regards