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**Statement by the
International Commission against the Death Penalty
on the Possible Execution of Four Persons
in Bahrain**

The International Commission against the Death Penalty (ICDP) is deeply concerned about the imminent risk of execution of four persons in Bahrain pending the outcome of their appeals by a military court.

The death penalty has been rarely applied in Bahrain as until 2006 the country had observed a de facto moratorium on executions, which had served as an example for the entire region.

ICDP notes that the UNGA Resolution 65/206 on a Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty adopted by the United Nations on the 21 December 2010 explicitly calls upon “all States that still maintain the death penalty to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing it”. Bahrain abstained in the vote of this resolution as it already did in 2008.

ICDP urges the authorities of Bahrain to commute all death sentences into life imprisonment, and to establish a moratorium on executions in line with the worldwide trend towards the abolition of capital punishment.



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