

**Question for written answer E-005928/2020**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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**Subject:** The EU's response to the death penalty in Bahrain

The EU is strongly opposed to the death penalty in Bahrain under any circumstances, but using the death penalty is even more appalling when applied after an unfair and torture-tainted trial. According to the European External Action Service, fighting this is one of the EU's most prominent external human rights policies.

1. Will the Vice-President / High Representative call on the Bahraini authorities in the upcoming EU-Bahrain Human Rights dialogue to immediately quash the death sentences of two pro-democracy activists, Mohammad Ramadhan and Husain Moosa?
2. Will he urge the Bahraini authorities to hold to account those responsible for their torture and guarantee that the defendants receive reparations, rehabilitation, and an ironclad guarantee that this will not happen again?
3. Will he consider the possibility of placing Bahraini officials who have committed grave human rights violations, including severe infringements of the UN Convention Against Torture, on an individual targeted sanctions list?