

Question for written answer E-003152/2021/rev.1

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

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Subject: Bahraini opposition leader Hassan Mushaima

The overpopulation, unsanitary conditions and lack of preventive measures in Jaw Prison put the lives of inmates at risk, in particular those of political prisoners who are vulnerable due to their advanced age and prior medical conditions. This includes Hassan Mushaima, a prominent Bahraini opposition leader who is serving his life sentence in Jaw Prison and has seen his health severely deteriorate in the last few weeks due to complications with diabetes and a lack of medical care.

1. Will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) publicly call for His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to grant the unconditional and immediate release of all political prisoners, including Hassan Mushaima, as previously recommended by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights?
2. Keeping in mind the deteriorating health of Hassan Mushaima, what actions will the VP/HR take to help ensure political prisoners are protected from medical negligence?