

## ACAT (Harrow group) – prayer case of the month (*August 2020*)

Please pray as you feel led for **Mohamad Ramadan** and **Husain Moosa**.

Following a grossly unfair trial in 2014, Bahrain's highest court has upheld the death penalty for the two men charged with killing a policeman, despite international concern over confessions that human rights groups say were extracted through torture.



Mohammed Ramadan, left, talking to his son in prison in Bahrain, and Husain Moosa, right

Pro-democracy activists **Mohammed Ramadhan** and **Husain Moosa** were arrested in 2014 after a policeman was killed in a bombing in a village north-east of the gulf island nation's capital, Manama. Ten other people tried with them have also been jailed. Security forces arrested **Hussain Moosa**, a hotel employee, on 21 February 2014. **Mohamed Ramadhan** was arrested on 18 February 2014 at Bahrain International Airport where he worked as a member of security staff.

The two men were taken to the Criminal Investigations Department where they were tortured during interrogation. **Mohamed Ramadhan** refused to sign a "confession", though he was subjected to beating and electrocution. **Hussain Moosa** said he was coerced to "confess" and incriminate **Mohamed Ramadhan** after being suspended by the limbs and beaten for several days.

Despite medical reports confirming the torture, the men have now finally exhausted all legal rights of appeal and their execution could occur at any time.

Mohammed's wife, Zainab Ebrahim, said she and her husband's lawyer had been barred entry to the court room and she had not been given a reason. She wrote on *Twitter*: "The terror of knowing that my husband can be executed by firing squad at any moment without proper notice is tearing me apart. I don't know how I will be able to tell my three children that their father is never coming home." Her husband had also used *Twitter* to appeal for help, saying he knew few would listen to him since he was not famous and did not have money.