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Your Excellency,

Abdullah Ibhais, a Jordanian national and former communications director for Qatar’s 2022 World Cup organizers, the 'Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy’, is serving an unjust three-year prison sentence following an unfair trial. He remains held in Doha Central prison.

On 15 December 2021, the Court of Appeal upheld his conviction on charges including misuse of public funds and reduced his prison sentence from five to three years. He is now appealing his case before the Court of Cassation.

Abdullah Ibhais’s trial was unfair as it was based on a "confession" that he told the judge was obtained through threat of violence and coercion. Both the Court of First Instance and the Court of Appeal failed to investigate his allegations of coerced confession and instead accepted it as inculpatory evidence against him.

I urge you to quash Abdullah Ibhais’s conviction and immediately release him. Allegations that he has been threatened and coerced into making incriminating confessions must be independently and effectively investigated, and if verified, those suspected to be responsible for these acts must be held to account.

Yours sincerely,