

# URGENT ACTION

## CANADIAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO LIFE

**Bashir Makhtal, who has Canadian citizenship, was sentenced to life imprisonment on 3 August, in Ethiopia. He had been convicted of four terror-related charges on 27 July.**

The government has denied that his trial was unfair, though **Bashir Makhtar** has consistently denied all the charges. His lawyer intends to appeal.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Amnesty International will monitor Bahir Makhtal's situation, and take further campaigning action as necessary.**

This is the first update of UA 207/09 AFR 25/005/2009. Further information: [www.amnesty.org/en/region/ethiopia](http://www.amnesty.org/en/region/ethiopia)

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