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Kuwait: Bangladeshi migrant workers hanged following a flawed trial procedure

Amnesty International today expressed its dismay at the execution by hanging of three Bangladeshi nationals, on Sunday 30 June 2002 after trials which reportedly failed to meet international standards of fairness. Mohammad Zahar Abdul Sattar, Anwar al-Zamaan and Anwar Khan Mohammad, migrant workers from Bangladesh, were convicted of rape and murder of a Sri Lankan national.

The victims were reportedly convicted on the basis of torture obtained after days of ill treatment and may not have had effective defence. Amnesty International called for an immediate moratorium on executions in Kuwait, in line with the wishes of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

"An immediate review of the administration of the case is needed to clarify these allegations. Otherwise doubts will remain whether all fair trial guarantees were observed." Amnesty International said.

"There is no concrete evidence that executions will reduce crime and have a greater deterrent effect than life imprisonment," Amnesty International added.

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