

# URGENT ACTION

## YOUTH REMAINS IN PRISON IN FAMILY REPRISAL CASE

Kameel Juma Hasan, the son of former prisoner Najah Ahmed Yusuf, remains imprisoned on multiple cases involving charges of participation in demonstrations. The group trial of 39 defendants including Kameel Juma Hasan concluded on 13 September 2020 with his conviction and sentencing to five years in prison. Bahrain courts have also convicted and sentenced Kameel Juma Hasan in over a dozen further cases since 2019. Given the high number of cases brought against him, Amnesty International believes Kameel Juma Hasan was targeted in reprisal against his family after he and his mother had refused to be government informants and his mother stated publicly that she was abused under interrogation.

**NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUESTED. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SENT APPEALS.**

According to court and prosecution documents reviewed by Amnesty International, since 2019 Kameel Juma Hasan has been convicted in 15 different cases and received sentences totaling roughly 28 years in prison. Bahrain did not grant him the procedural benefits included under its new juvenile-justice law, despite his being a minor at the time of all crimes alleged against him. A large number of charges began to be raised against him from age 14 on, when on 23 April 2017 he was sentenced in his absence to probation at a hearing his family was never informed of, which took place at the same time he had been summoned and was being held for interrogation by security forces. He was 17 years old when he turned himself in to police on 31 December 2019. Kameel Juma Hasan's family told Amnesty International that after his detention he was transferred to the Royal Academy of Police, where he was subjected to beating and forced standing for prolonged periods of time over the course of several days. Afterwards he was brought to the Office of Public Prosecution to sign a prepared "confession".

Among other cases, Kameel Juma Hasan was convicted and sentenced twice on 28 November 2019, in his absence, for "rioting", based on accusations of "writing political slogans on the ground" as the phrase "elections boycott". He was 15 years old at the time. Both of these cases were handled by the terrorism unit of the Office of Public Prosecution, which had begun opening cases against Kameel Juma Hasan when he was as young as 13. In the group trial of 39 defendants that concluded on 13 September 2020, he was convicted of participation in an unlawful demonstration; participation in rioting, a charge which as applied in Bahrain requires no showing of individual responsibility for violence; joining a so-called "terrorist" group; and "delivering funds to a terrorist group". The excessive number of defendants, the charge of participation in an unlawful demonstration, the application of a collectively interpreted charge of rioting which requires no individual showing of violence, and the treatment of Kameel Juma Hasan and other minors as adults all rendered the trial unfair by international standards, including Bahrain's treaty obligations.

Amnesty International thanks supporters for their letters, which we believe may have helped protect Kameel Juma Hasan against further abuse in prison. Amnesty International will continue to monitor the case.

**NAME AND PRONOUN:** Kameel Juma Hasan (he/him/his)

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