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Your Majesty,

I am writing to express my great concern about the case of 13 year old boy Salman Mahdi Salman from Bahrain, who was arrested under unclear circumstances on 11 August in the west of the capital, Manama. After a month of detention, there were raised accusations against boy, which he refuses.

He has been reportedly forced to confess by violence.

This case worries me and I respectfully urge You and Bahraini authorities to ensure that Salman Mahdi Salman is treated in accordance with the international standards of juvenile justice.

I would like to ensure that Salman Mahdi Salman's allegations of ill-treatment are independently investigated and that statements obtained through the use of torture or other ill-treatment are not accepted in any proceedings.

Yours sincerely...