

Law No. () of year

For amending some provisions of the Penal Code promulgated by Decree No.15 of 1976

We, Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain,

Having examined the Constitution,

And the Penal Code promulgated by Law Decree Np.15 of 1976 and its amendments,

And Law No.56 of 2006 approving Bahrain's joining of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, specifically article (7) of this covenant,

The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives adopted the following law, and we ratified it and published it:

Article 1:

The texts of articles (208) and (232) of the Penal Code promulgated by Law Decree No.15 of 196 shall be replaced with the following texts:

Article (208)

A prison sentence shall be the penalty for every civil servant or officer entrusted with a public service who causes severe pain or sufferings, physically or morally, either personally or through a third party, to a prisoner or a detainee to get from him information or confessions or to penalize him for something he has committed or he is accused of having committed. The same sanction is applied for the intimidation or coercion.

A prison sentence shall be the penalty for every civil servant or officer entrusted with a public service who threatens, either personally or through a third party with his full consent, a prisoner or a detainee for any of the causes cited in the first paragraph.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment should the use of torture or force lead to death.

This article shall not be applied on cases of pain and suffering caused by, resulting from or accompanying legal procedures or sanctions.

The obsolescence period shall not be applied for torture crimes cited by the article.

Article 232

A prison sentence shall be the penalty for every person who causes severe pain or sufferings, physically or morally, either personally or through a third party, to a prisoner or a detainee to get from him information or confessions or to penalize him for something he has committed or he is accused of having committed. The same sanction is applied for the intimidation or coercion.

A prison sentence shall be the penalty for every person who threatens, either personally or through a third party with his full consent, a prisoner or a detainee for any of the causes cited in the first paragraph.

The penalty shall be life imprisonment should the use of torture or force lead to death.

This article shall not be applied on cases of pain and suffering caused by, resulting from or accompanying legal procedures or sanctions.

Article 3

The Prime Minister and ministers- each in his specialization- shall implement provisions of this law effective the next day following its publication in the Official Gazette.

King of Bahrain

Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa

Issued at the Riffa Palace

Date: