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To whom it concerns:

As an act of conscience, it is long overdue that I voice
my concern of conditions

Torture, not only the immediate physical assault, but the
torture of neglect, emotional torture, and psychological torture
are everyday occurrences hidden behind the fences of
All this rings in similarity to the U.S. scandal at the Abu
Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The center of the torture scandal is in the Health
and Medical Services unit. Sadly to say the torture sometimes
goes so far as to result in death, as was the case with one
of my countrymen who was refused proper care.

A prevalent condition in the institution is kidney stones.
This condition, as incredibly painful as it is, is regularly
left to run its course with no treatment. Is this not torture?
The pain involved in passing a kidney stone is greater than
receiving forty-lashes with a whip. Yet this and worse occur
here weekly; liver disease, broken bones left unset, untreated
cancer, and many undiagnosed illnesses.