

Law No. 8 of 2010 Amending Certain Provisions of the Penal Code as Promulgated by Law No. 11 of 2004 8 / 2010

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We, Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Deputy Emir of the State of Qatar, Having perused the Constitution;
The Penal Code of Qatar as promulgated by Law No. 11 of 2004, and its amendments,
The UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,
as ratified under Decree No. 27 of 2001,
The proposal of the Minister of Justice,
The bill submitted by the Council of Ministers, and
Having consulted the Shura Council,
Hereby promulgate the following Law:

Articles

Article 1

The text of Article 159 of the Penal Code, referred to above, shall be replaced with the following text:

“Article 159

Whoever being a public servant, uses force or threat against an accused person, witness or expert or ordered to force the accused, a witness or an expert to admit having committed a crime or give statements or information or withholds information in respect thereof, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

The penalty shall be imprisonment for a term up to ten years if the use of the force causes permanent disability.

The penalty shall be capital punishment or life imprisonment if the use of the force results in death of the victim.”

Article 2

A new Article with number (159 bis) shall be added to the Penal Code, referred to above, to be read as follows:

“Article 159 (bis)

Whoever, being a public servant or any other person who acts in an official capacity, uses torture or instigates, agrees or consents to torture another person shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years shall apply to any.

The penalty shall be imprisonment up to a term not exceeding ten years if the torture causes permanent disability.

The penalty shall be capital punishment or life imprisonment if the torture results in death.

Torture is any act which results in severe pain or suffering, whether physical or emotional, which is inflicted on purpose against someone for the purposes of getting information or a confession, or to punish him for an action he did, or was suspected of doing himself or someone else, or to intimidate him or force him or any other person, or when such pain and suffering are due to solitary captivity of any kind. This shall not include the pain or suffering arising only from legal penalties or attachments to such penalties, which may be accidental results thereof.”

Article 3

All competent authorities, each within their competence, shall execute this law which shall come into force from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

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