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Moses Akatugba

Moses Akatugba was a sixteen years old student when he was arrested, shot and thrown in gaol in 2005 on the charge of stealing three mobile phones. He has spent 8 years in gaol. He says that police officers repeatedly beat and tortured him, including using pliers to pull out his toenails and fingernails. Moses says he was forced to sign confessions of his guilt.

In 2014, Moses Akatugba was sentenced to death for armed robbery, after eight years awaiting trial in prison. The sentence was based only on his forced confession and the testimony of the robbery victim, which was full of contradictions.

The letter below is one that was written to a supporter. Please consider writing to the Governor of the Nigerian state in which he is in gaol. This is a case too, where students might be encouraged to write to him letters of support and encouragement. They can be sent to:

**Human Rights, Social Development and Environmental Foundation
(Moses Akatugba)
PO Box 1800, Diobu
Port Harcourt, Rivers State
Nigeria**

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A LETTER OF APPRECIATION
I Moses Akatugba on behalf of
self and family, humbly express my
found gratitude to ^{the} Body Organisation
d persons that have shown concern
& my plight. I pray the God almi
shower is love, mercy and goodness
n everyone.

am short of words to express my
most gratitude to everyone, but
l in his infinity mercy will strengthen
e in all your endeavours in Jesus
n.

Yours faithfully
MOSES AKATUGBA

Please contact the Governor, either by mail or email:

His Excellency Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan
Governor of Delta State
Office of the Governor, Government House, Asaba
Delta State
Nigeria
Email: info@emmanueluduaghan.com.ng

Your Excellency,

I write to you on behalf of Moses Akaturba, who is on death row. He was arrested as a 16 year old boy and claims he was forced to sign confessions after torture. After eight years in prison waiting for a verdict he was finally sentenced to death.

No one should have to experience such cruelty. No one who is under 18 should be sentenced to death.

With growing publicity worldwide about the fate of Moses I urge you to commute his sentence and to start an independent investigation of his treatment since he was arrested.

Yours sincerely