



## Qatari Court Decision on Indian Naval Personnel

Qatar has commuted the **death sentence** for eight Indian Navy veterans and turned that into a “**varying quantum**” of jail terms. The jailed former Indian Navy personnel in Qatar have been given **60 days to appeal** against the varying prison terms.

- **Commutation** of a death sentence refers to the reduction or change of a death penalty to a less severe punishment.
  - The eight Indians, whose death sentences are commuted, **now qualify for repatriation to India**. This falls under the **2015 Bilateral Agreement with Qatar**, permitting prisoners to serve their terms in their home country.
- **Qatar**, a strong regional player, is a key supplier of energy to India and at least seven lakh Indians form a part of the foreign workforce in the Gulf nation.

**Read more:** [Former Navy Personnel Case in Qatar](#)

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