Death penalty report: Apr 2018 - Template letter:

*Sir/Madam,*

*When the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince visited Britain last month, there was widespread concern over whether the UK was focusing on trade at the expense of human rights.*

*In our view Theresa May could have been far more outspoken about human rights during the visit.*

*We understand executions in Saudi Arabia were raised on the visit, but the scale of the problem is daunting: Saudi Arabia executed 148 people last year, to add to the 300-plus it executed in the previous two years.*

*The majority of these executions came after deeply unfair trials.*

*We’re remain extremely concerned that the UK is generally unwilling to criticise Saudi Arabia over its use of torture, false confessions and unfair trials.*

*China, another major UK trading “partner”, executed even more - possibly thousands - in total secrecy, as capital punishment is a state secret in China.*

*No-one is saying the UK should be constantly lecturing other countries.*

*But Britain should definitely be standing up for basic human rights, including an end to the grisly business of beheadings and hangings.*

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*Yours sincerely,*

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