

## MAURITANIA

### Mohamed CHEIKH OULD MKHEITIR

**Age:** 28 years

**Date and place of arrest:** In January 2014

**Charges:** Apostasy

**Article of the criminal/ civil/ administrative code:** Article 306 of the Mauritanian penal code stipulates apostasy as a crime punishable by death. Anyone found guilty of converting from Islam is supposed to be given three days to repent and if the individual concerned does not do so, they will face confiscation of their property, or the death sentence.

**First court decision:** On 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014, he was sentenced to death in a trial that started and ended on a single day. He has been on death row ever since.

**Last court decision:** On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, the Supreme Court of Mauritania decided that he would be re-tried by a new appeal court and new judges. Nothing seems to have happened since then.

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<http://bit.ly/2jBB3ZC>