

**QATAR**

## India 'shocked' at death penalty for 8 citizens

India said on Thursday that eight of its citizens had been sentenced to death by Qatar in a case that Indian media reported involved high-ranking ex-naval officers accused of spying. New Delhi said it would "take up the verdict with Qatari authorities" and would continue to "extend all consular and legal assistance" to the prisoners, India's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. It gave no further details on the eight condemned or their alleged crimes. There was no immediate confirmation from the Qatari authorities.