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Further information on UA 201/94 (ASA 20/18/94, 25 May 1994) - Unacknowledged detention / Fear of "disappearance"

INDIA: Sukhwinder Singh Bhatti, lawyer

Amnesty International has learned that on 17 June the Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to inquire into the "disappearance" of Sukhwinder Singh Bhatti. The CBI was ordered to present its report within three months.

Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of Sukhwinder Singh Bhatti.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams, faxes and airmail letters:

- welcoming the recent High Court order directing the Central Bureau of Investigation to inquire into the "disappearance" of Sukhwinder Singh Bhatti;
- urging the government to ensure that the investigation by the CBI is carried out promptly and impartially and to ensure that witnesses and relatives are protected from police harassment;
- urging the government to make the results of the investigation public and if evidence is found that the police were responsible for Sukhwinder Singh Bhatti's "disappearance" that his family are immediately informed of his whereabouts, that those found to be responsible are promptly brought to justice and that adequate compensation is granted to his family;

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 August 1994.