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Further information on UA 61/94 (ASA 20/06/94, 18 February 1994) and follow-up (ASA 20/16/94, 24 May 1994) - Fear of Torture / Illegal detention

INDIA **Sukhwinder Singh**

Amnesty International has recently been informed by the Indian Government that Sukhwinder Singh was charged under the Explosives Act on 4 March 1994. He is believed to still be awaiting trial. The government claims that he was arrested on 4 March, but this contradicts Amnesty International's information which states that he was arrested on 13 February.

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

- welcoming the government's response to Amnesty International queries regarding Sukhwinder Singh;
- urging the government to ensure that Sukhwinder Singh is promptly tried in accordance with ordinary criminal procedures and with full legal safeguards;
- seeking assurances that he will not be tortured or ill-treated while in detention and that he has regular and frequent access to lawyers and relatives;
- expressing concern at the conflicting information concerning the date that Sukhwinder Singh was arrested, and urging the government to order an independent inquiry into the allegations that he was held in unacknowledged detention between 13 February and 4 March 1994.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

Mr K.P.S Gill
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Salutation: Dear Director General of Police

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Mr Avtar Singh
Deputy Superintendent of Police
Nakodar
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and to diplomatic representatives of India accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 October 1994.

