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Further information on UA 278/93 (ASA 20/35/93, 18 August 1993) - Fear of "Disappearance"

INDIA: Jaspal Singh, human rights activist

Jaspal Singh was released on 9 September 1993. He was kept since the date of his "disappearance", 16 August, in police custody, even though officials refused to acknowledge his arrest and detention throughout this period.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:

- welcoming reports of Jaspal Singh's release on 9 September 1993;
- expressing concern that his arrest and detention by the police was not acknowledged throughout this period;
- requesting assurances for his safety that he will not be subjected to any further harassment.

APPEALS TO:

1) Beant Singh
Chief Minister of Punjab
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India

Telegrams: Chief Minister of Punjab, Chandigarh, Punjab, India

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Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

2) Mr K.P.S Gill
Director General of Police
Police Headquarters
Chandigarh
Punjab
India

Telegrams: Director General Police, Chandigarh. Punjab, India

Salutation: Dear Director General of Police

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Minister of State for Home Affairs
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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 25 October 1993.