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Further information on UA 22/98 (ASA 33/01/98, 23 January 1998 and follow-up ASA 33/02/98, 26 January 1998- Fear of torture/possible prisoner of conscience

PAKISTANShaukat Ali Kashmiri

Several hearings on the writ petition in the Azad Jammu and Kashmir High Court relating to the abduction of Shaukat Ali Kashmiri have failed to produce any insight into his whereabouts. On 4 February 1998, at the first hearing, none of the respondents appeared in court. At the next hearing on 14 February, the district magistrate of Rawalkot and the Senior Superintendent of Police of Rawalkot stated that Shaukat Ali Kashmiri was not in detention within the area under their jurisdiction. On 18 February, the representative of the Interservices Intelligence (ISI) for Rawalkot said in court that Shaukat Ali Kashmiri was not being held by ISI Rawalkot and reportedly suggested that the court seek information from the legal office of the ISI in Islamabad. The next court hearing is to take place on 24 February.

Meanwhile, no further information has been obtained from any other sources about the whereabouts of Shaukat Ali Kashmiri.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please continue sending appeals as specified in UA 22/98.

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