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Pakistan elections: Spokespeople available on human rights concerns

On 11 May, Pakistan is holding its general elections – marking the first time in its history one elected civilian government will be replaced by another. The election campaign has been marked by a wave of deadly attacks by militant groups like the Taliban, while the new government will face substantial human rights challenges.

Mustafa Qadri, Amnesty International's Pakistan Researcher, is available for interviews throughout the weekend.

Possible talking points:

- Election-related violence by militant groups
- Human rights challenges facing the new government
- Persistent human rights abuses in the tribal areas and Balochistan
- Freedom of expression
- Enforced disappearances by state agents
- Blasphemy laws and discrimination against religious minorities

Background:

[“Election candidates must prioritise human rights”](#), Open Letter, 25 April 2013

[“End election-related violence, prioritize human rights in election campaigning”](#), Press Release, 24 April 2013.

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