

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 175/96 (ASA 33/06/96, 9 July 1996) - Fear for safety / Unacknowledged detention

PAKISTANZamir Hasan Ansari, aged 60
Feroza Khanom (f)
Riffat Anjum (f)
Anjum Kamal
new name: Tariq Hasan

There are serious fears for the safety of Tariq Hasan, the second son of Zamir Hasan Ansari and Feroza Khanom, who has received threats from the authorities that his own life and that of his family could be at risk because of action he has taken to locate their whereabouts. One police official reportedly told Tariq Hasan that it was a mistake to bring the case to the attention of Amnesty International; that AI could do nothing more than appeal and that eventually Tariq Hasan would be left on his own but in a worse situation than before.

Zamir Hasan Ansari, Feroza Khanom, Riffat Anjum and Anjum Kamal went missing from their home in Islamabad on 1 May 1996 and are believed to be held in unacknowledged detention. Tariq Hasan has filed a complaint with the police as well as a *habeas corpus* petition, but to date the whereabouts of his family remain unknown. A further court hearing in the case is scheduled for 24 July.

Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of the family who may be subjected to ill-treatment whilst in detention.

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

- expressing concern at the threats that have been received by Tariq Hasan;
- calling on the government to take urgent and effective measures to ensure the safety of Tariq Hasan;
- continuing to express concern for the above named family who went missing from their home on 1 May and who are believed to be held in unacknowledged detention;
- continuing to call on the authorities to reveal the whereabouts of the family as a matter of urgency;
- continuing to seek assurances that whilst in detention they will not be subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- continuing to urge that they be immediately and unconditionally released unless charged with a recognizably criminal offence, in which case they be given prompt access to a lawyer and relatives.

APPEALS TO:

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto
Office of the Prime Minister
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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

Maj. Gen. (Retd) Nasirullah Khan Babar
Minister of the Interior

Ministry of the Interior
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COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 September 1996.