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Further information on UA 127/02 (ASA 33/011/2002, 25 April 2002) - Fear of forcible return/Fear for safety/Fear of torture/ill-treatment

PAKISTAN Elham Tohtam (m) aged 30
Ablitip Abdul Kadir (m) aged 30
and possibly one other man

New names: Anwar alias Abdul Latif (m)
Anwar's wife
Ehsan (m), their son, age unknown
Zaher (m)

The two Uighur men held with Elham Tohtam are believed to be called Zaher and Anwar alias Abdul Latif. It is not known if one of these names refers to the same person earlier referred to as Ablitip Abdul Kadir. There are rumours that the detainees may be handed over to China on or around 4 May.

Anwar's wife and son are also in custody and may also be at risk of being returned to China.

All five are believed to be detained secretly by the Intelligence Bureau in Rawalpindi, which other organs of the federal government may not be aware of.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- urging the authorities to guarantee that they will not send Elham Tohtam, Zaher, Anwar alias Abdul Latif and his wife and son back to China;
- asking where the five are being held, and calling for them to be handed over immediately to the protection of the UNHCR;
- urging the authorities to ensure that no Chinese nationals are deported to China without due process.

APPEALS TO:

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