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Further information on 262/95 (ASA 33/27/95, 23 November 1995) and follow-up (ASA 33/30/95, 30 November 1995) - Fear for safety

PAKISTAN Masood Alam KHAN, aged 35
Waheed Shariff KHAN, aged 25
Tanvir Shariff KHAN, aged 16

Masood Alam Khan, arrested on 20 November 1995 by paramilitary Rangers in Karachi, was released from custody on 15 December. His family was required to make a payment of 200,000 rupees to the Rangers to secure his release. No charges were brought against him.

His two younger brothers, Waheed Shariff Khan and Tanvir Shariff Khan, who were arrested on 20 November, were released on 27 November. During their time in custody they were kept blindfolded with their hands tied. They received regular beatings, including on the soles of their feet. Details of Masood Alam Khan's treatment in custody are not yet known.

No further action is recommended at this point. Thank you to all who sent appeals.