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**24 March 2003**

**Further Information on UA 64/03 (ASA 20/009/2003, 6 March 2003) Fear for Safety/Threats**

**INDIA**                      **Shazada [f], surname not known, aged 18**  
**Shameema [f], aged 16, her sister**  
**Abdul Rehman Dar [m] their father**  
**Other members of their family**

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Amnesty International remains concerned for the safety of sisters Shazada and Shameema, their father Abdul Rehman Dar and other members of the family following their return to their home on 23 March. The family have not received police protection despite the abduction of the two sisters in October 2002 and subsequent threats against the family.

Abdul Rehman Dar and the family's lawyer visited the Superintendent of Police [SP] of Budgam on 22 March to ask whether it was now safe for the family to return to their home. The SP reportedly informed them that it was safe and that every effort was being made to arrest the "renegades" (ex-members of armed opposition groups who now work with the security forces) who had abducted Shazada and Shameema and threatened their family. While Abdul Rehman Dar, Shazada and Shameema were in hiding, "renegades" reportedly visited their home and made further threats to family members who lived nearby.

**Many Thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible, please send a final round of appeals in English or your own language:**

- urging that the authorities take all necessary measures including police protection to ensure the safety of Shazada, Shameema, Abdul Rehman Dar and their family;
- calling for a full and impartial investigation into the threats made against Abdul Rehman Dar and his family, the abduction of Shazada and Shameema, for the results to be made public and those responsible to be brought to justice;
- reminding the authorities of the commitments made by the new government of Jammu and Kashmir in their published Common Minimum Program to guarantee everyone the enjoyment of the full range of human rights and that all violations of human rights will be investigated.

**APPEALS TO: (Please note fax numbers may be difficult to obtain; please keep trying)**

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**Salutation: Dear Director General**

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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

and to diplomatic representatives of India accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 May 2003.