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Further information on UA 363/00 (ASA 20/57/00, 27 November 2000) - Fear for safety

**INDIA (Jammu and Kashmir) Farman Ali) Sons of Muhammad Shafi Wani
Farooq)**

Brothers Farman Ali and Farooq were released in late November 2000.

They had been arrested on 10 November by soldiers of the 10th battalion of the Rashtriya Rifles and the ADA-322 battalion. Their family has been continually harassed by police and soldiers since March 1999, when their sister and mother lodged a complaint that they had been raped by soldiers of the ADA-322 battalion.

The brothers were reportedly charged in connection with an explosion which took place on 11 November, 24 hours after their arrest. Both Farman Ali and Farooq reported that they were beaten in custody.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Farman Ali and Farooq. Amnesty International will continue to campaign on their behalf. No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network.