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Further information on UA 202/98 (ASA 33/10/98, 15 July 1998) - Fear for safety
/ Possible extrajudicial execution

PAKISTAN (AFGHANISTAN) Abdul Quader Ashna
Din Mohammad
Nazar Mohammad, assassinated

other members of the Afghan political party *Da Solh*
Ghorzan

Abdul Quader Ashna and Din Mohammad, deputy leaders of the Afghan political party *Da Solh Ghorzan*, Peace Movement Party, recently arrived in Norway after their claim for urgent resettlement was accepted. Their claim was backed by both Amnesty International and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The two men went into hiding in Pakistan after gunmen went to the workplace of Abdul Quader Ashna and, when they did not find him there, located and shot another deputy party leader, Nazar Mohammad, in Quetta in July. Rumours had started to circulate about a month earlier of a hit list containing the names of all three men. An Afghanistan armed political group is believed to be responsible for the killing.

Warring factions in Afghanistan are reportedly antagonistic towards *Da Solh Ghorzan* which claims to have 120,000 members, mostly former Afghan combatants, which they see as a barrier to recruiting experienced Afghan soldiers to their ranks. *Da Solh Ghorzan* aims to secure peace in Afghanistan by encouraging the warring factions to take up other activities. Since Nazar Mohammad's death several other Afghan political figures have also been killed in Pakistan.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action Network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.