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*FURTHER INFORMATION ON MEDICAL CONCERN*

(See ASA 20/14/94 - 9 May 1994)

**Jugataram  
INDIA (Rajasthan)**

On 9 May 1994 Amnesty International reported on the case of a young man in the state of Rajasthan who had his penis severed by police officers while held at Sadar police station in Barmer in early February 1994. He is reported to have been taken to the police station on 2 February and to have been heavily beaten by police on the morning of 5 February before a sharp knife was used to sever his penis.

Following a local outcry, there was a CID inquiry and a number of police were suspended from duty. The state government then announced that the investigation was to be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the national criminal investigations bureau. Amnesty International has now learned that on 18 May 1994 the CBI issued a press release stating that four people had been charged with criminal conspiracy to illegally detain Jugataram.

The *Times of India* reported on 18 May that the four accused included three police officers and a local shopkeeper. Among the police officers was the officer in charge of Sadar police station (Barmer's main police station), an assistant sub-inspector and a constable. The shopkeeper is a close relative of one of the police officers named and owned a local store at which Jugataram worked. Jugataram also rented lodgings from his employer and, according to the *Times of India*, CBI investigations had found that following an argument between the two men, the shopkeeper had conspired with the police to illegally detain Jugataram. The CBI press release tends to confirm earlier speculation about personal grievances having been behind Jugataram's arrest.

No reference was made in the press article to other charges being brought. Amnesty International is seeking to ensure that those responsible for Jugataram's mutilation are properly brought to justice and that he is able to seek prompt legal redress.

*For further information on this case, please see ASA 20/14/94, 9 May 1994. For further information on violence in police custody in India generally, please see India: Torture, rape and deaths in custody, AI Index: ASA 20/06/94, March 1992 (195pp).*

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To: Medical professionals  
From: Medical Office / Research Department - Asia  
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*FOLLOW-UP TO MEDICAL LETTER WRITING ACTION*

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INDIA (Rajasthan)**

Theme: ill-treatment in police custody/mutilation

**Summary**

Following earlier information issued on 9 May about the case of a young man who suffered genital mutilation in police custody, Amnesty International has now learned that four men, including three police officers, have been charged with conspiracy to illegally detain the man in question. Please see the attached.

**Recommended Actions**

Further letters are requested from medical professionals to the addresses given below:

[■ if you have written previously on behalf of Jugataram, please state this]

- note that according to a CBI press release of 18 May, charges of criminal conspiracy to illegally detain Jugataram have been brought against three named police officers and one private individual
- request further information about the charges, particularly whether any of those arrested face charges of personal responsibility for, or complicity in Jugataram's torture and genital mutilation
- seek assurances that investigations will proceed as fully and promptly as possible so that those responsible for Jugataram's mutilation will be brought to justice without delay
- reiterate your concern for the victim and, again, ask for assurances that he has been receiving specialist medical attention

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