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Further information on UA 60/93 (ASA 20/11/93, 5 March 1993) - Torture

India:Manzoor Ahmed Ganai, 20

Amnesty International has now received confirmation that torture victim Manzoor Ahmed Ganai, a young farmer from Wakoora village and a father of two children, died on 15 February 1993 in the Bone and Joint Hospital Srinagar. As reported in ASA 20/11/93, both his legs had to be amputated after he had developed gangrene as a result of prolonged torture during interrogation by the army's Bihar regiment. This reportedly included hanging him upside down from his legs for several days and burning the back of his thighs with paraffin.

Amnesty International has now received photographs of Mr Ganai before his legs were amputated. According to an Amnesty International medical expert who examined the photographs, there are clear marks at the ankle level on his legs which could have been caused by ropes tied around the ankles. A doctor who treated him in Srinagar said that Mr Ganai, who was interrogated in army custody for three weeks, could have been saved had he received timely medical treatment.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in English or your own language:

- expressing deep regret at the death of Manzoor Ahmed Ganai who succumbed to the injuries allegedly resulting from torture in detention of the army;
- urging the authorities to promptly institute an impartial and independent inquiry into death of Manzoor Ahmed Ganai allegedly after torture by the army and that its outcome be published; that if army personnel are found responsible for causing his death they be brought to justice, and that the family be granted prompt and adequate compensation;
- urging the authorities to implement proposals to strengthen legal safeguards for those in custody and the recommendations made in Amnesty International's ten point program to prevent torture, including ensuring that up to date registers of arrests are being kept, that relatives are immediately informed after an arrest, that all detainees are brought promptly before a magistrate within 24 hours of arrest and be allowed immediate access to a lawyer and to a medical examination by an independent doctor.

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Salutation: Dear Minister

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Salutation: Dear Governor

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 June 1993.