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Further information on UA 112/95 (ASA 20/13/95, 18 May 1995) - Fear of torture / Possible prisoner of conscience

INDIA Shabir Ahmad SHAH, political leader, former prisoner of conscience

Shabir Ahmad Shah was released unconditionally from detention on the evening of 21 May 1995. He is reported to be well and to have attended a political rally on 22 May.

Amnesty International welcomes the news of Shabir Shah's release, but is concerned that he may have been held in detention for nine days for political reasons without being charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/airmail letters**

- welcoming Shabir Ahmad Shah's release, but expressing concern that he may have been detained for nine days for political reasons without being charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- urging the government to ensure that Shabir Shah and other citizens of Jammu and Kashmir are permitted to peacefully express their views.

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**Salutation: Dear Home Secretary**

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**Telegrams: Governor, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir, India**

**Salutation: Dear Governor**

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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 2 June 1995.