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Further information on EXTRA 80/95 (ASA 20/16/95, 30 June 1995) - Fear of torture / Fear for safety

INDIA **Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, lawyer**

The family of Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf was granted permission to visit him in detention in Baramulla on 2 July 1995. They were reportedly only allowed to see him for a few minutes, and were still not informed of the charges under which he was being held. Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf has not been given access to a lawyer.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters

- reiterating concern for the safety of Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, President of the Baramulla Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, who has been in military custody since 15 June 1995;
- seeking assurances that he is being humanely treated and will be allowed immediate access to lawyers and a doctor and brought before a magistrate immediately and that he will be granted regular access to his relatives;
- urging that he be immediately released if he is not charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

APPEALS TO

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Telegrams: Home Secretary, New Delhi, India

Salutation: Dear Home Secretary

General K.V. Krishna Rao
Governor of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Governor
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Jammu and Kashmir, India

Telegrams: Governor Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar, India

Salutation: Dear Governor

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Minister of State for External Affairs

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and to 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 3 August 1995.