

URGENT ACTION

TEENAGER DETAINED WITHOUT TRIAL IS RELEASED

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Saleem Beigh was released from police custody in Jammu & Kashmir on 18 August 2012 and is currently at home with his family.

Following a grenade attack on a local police station on 19 May 2012, the police in the town of Sopore, Jammu & Kashmir picked Saleem Beigh up and took him to an interrogation centre. Saleem Beigh's family claim he was only 17 years old at this time. He was detained there for 12 days, and later moved to a police station, where he was kept in police custody for 15 days. On 2 June 2012, the police announced that Saleem Beigh was arrested for his alleged involvement in the grenade attack, but did not provide any information or documentation to his family. After meeting Saleem Beigh in police custody, his family claimed that he was tortured at the interrogation camp and police station.

Saleem Beigh's family filed a bail petition on his behalf, and the Additional Sessions Judge, Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir, ordered that Saleem Beigh be released on bail on 2 August 2012. However, the police did not release Saleem at this point. Instead, he was transferred to police custody and kept in illegal detention for another 16 days.

He was finally released on 18 August 2012.

Media in Jammu and Kashmir highlighted the Saleem Beigh's case by publicizing Amnesty International's urgent action appeal. For example:

<http://www.kashmirdispatch.com/headlines/18078694-amnesty-seeks-release-of-arrested-kashmir-teen.htm>;

<http://www.greaterkashmir.com/news/2012/Jul/18/ai-seeks-release-of-sopore-youth-39.asp>;

Thank you to everyone who sent in appeals. No further action is required from the UA network.

This is the first update of UA 210/12. Further information: www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA20/027/2012/en

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