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Further information on UA 213/95 (ASA 20/26/95, 7 September 1995) and follow-ups (ASA 20/27/95, 21 September; ASA 20/35/95, 16 November) - Fear of disappearance / Fear of torture

INDIAJaswant Singh Khalra, human rights activist

On 30 July 1996 the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) presented its report to the Supreme Court into the abduction of Jaswant Singh Khalra on 6 September 1995. The report found nine police officials as having been involved in the abduction. The Supreme Court has directed that the nine men face trial for the abduction, that further investigations be carried out to ascertain the fate of Jaswant Singh Khalra and that key witnesses be offered protection during the investigations.

Amnesty International welcomes the completion and publication of the report but remains concerned as to the fate of Jaswant Singh Khalra.

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

- welcoming the completion of the CBI inquiry into the abduction of Jaswant Singh Khalra and urging that the trial of those police officials identified as having been responsible for the abduction takes place without delay;
- urging the authorities to ensure that investigations into Jaswant Singh Khalra's fate are conducted by an impartial and independent agency, that police officials fully cooperate with the inquiry, that they are completed within a reasonable timescale and that the results are made public in full;
- reiterating concern for the safety of Jaswant Singh Khalra.

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