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Further information on UA 354/97 (ASA 20/45/97, 11 November 1997) and follow-up (ASA 20/46/97, 12 November; ASA 20/47/97, 21 November) - "Disappearance" / Ill-treatment / Prisoners of conscience

INDIA Riyaz Ahmad Gojri
Mohammad Ashraf Dar
Mushtaq Ahmad Khan

Yasin Malik
Javid Ahmad Mir

G.M. Hubbi
A.K. Hanif
G.N. Sumji
Mohammad Maqbool Wani
Mohammad Sidiq Shah
Ghulam Nabi Kashmiri
Bashir Ahmed Qandoo
Ghulam Qadir Baba

Abdul Gani Lone
Shakeel Bakshi

Amnesty International has received the following information about the above individuals:

Riyaz Ahmad Gojri was in fact released some time in November.

Mohammad Ashraf Dar, Mohammad Rafiq Pahloo (the subject of the original UA) and Mushtaq Ahmad Khan have reportedly been charged under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, relating to an offence in 1994. Amnesty International will be requesting further details from the authorities about these charges.

Mushtaq Ahmad Khan was reportedly released on 2 December by members of the Special Task Force (STF) and relatives of Mohammad Ashraf Dar and Mohammad Rafiq Pahloo were granted access to them on 3 December.

Yasin Malik and Javid Ahmad Mir remain in detention in the Central Jail, Srinagar. Abdul Gani Lone and Shakeel Bakshi have also been transferred to the Central Jail. They remain detained under sections 107/151 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) along with other activists of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) detained during November, including the group of eight named above (see update ASA 20/46/97).

Arrests have now ceased.

The International Secretariat will be monitoring the cases of these individuals and following up with the authorities. No further action by the UA Network is requested. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.