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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION VISITS PAKISTAN

As part of Amnesty International's ongoing work on the human rights situation in Pakistan, the human rights organization is sending a three-person delegation to the country between 17 and 26 May 1996.

The delegation will be led by Hervé Berger, Deputy Secretary-General of Amnesty International. The other delegates are Rory Mungoven, Director of the Asia Regional Program and Angelika Pathak, researcher at Amnesty International's International Secretariat.

The delegation will visit Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad and Faisalabad. On 18 and 19 May in Lahore, they will meet representatives of women's and minorities' groups, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and representatives of political parties.

The following four days will be spent in Islamabad, where delegates will meet government officials to discuss Amnesty International's concerns including: the detention of political prisoners, the persistent pattern of torture including rape, deaths in custody, extrajudicial executions, cruel punishments permitted under Pakistan law and the death penalty.

On 24 and 25 May, the delegation will attend the Annual General Meeting of Amnesty International Pakistan in Faisalabad.

The Amnesty International delegation will hold press conferences in Islamabad on 23 May and in Faisalabad on 25 May. Delegates will also be available for interviews.

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