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Further Information on UA 253/04 (ASA 33/019/2004, 23 August 2004) Fear for safety/ "disappeared"

PAKISTAN Akdas A. M. Iqbal (m), student – British National Sujeel Shahid (m), student – Dutch National

Akdas Iqbal's family in the United Kingdom (UK) has received the news that he has been released from detention along with his colleague Sujeel Shahid. Neither man has been charged and Akdas Iqbal plans to return to the UK.

British national Akdas Iqbal and Dutch national Sujeel Shahid were feared "disappeared" on 14 June, having been detained by an unidentified state agency. Both are students at Lahore University and may have been held as part of a wave of arrests of foreign and Pakistani nationals suspected of being linked with *al-Qa'ida*.

Many thanks to all who sent appeals. No further action is required.