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Further Information on UA 199/06 (ASA 33/028/2006, 20 July 2006) Possible "disappearance"/fear of torture

PAKISTAN

Obaidullah Ali Baloch (m), aged 26
Samiullah Baloch (m), aged 24, his brother

Amnesty International has learnt that Obaidullah Baloch has been released. He has reportedly stated that he had been held by military police since he was arrested with his brother Samiullah on 16 July. There is no news on the whereabouts of Samiullah Baloch, and he remains at risk of torture.

The two brothers were arrested in the Askari area of Quetta, Balochistan province, allegedly in an attempt to put pressure on their elder brother, Senator Sanaullah Baloch to stop raising the issue of human rights violations in Balochistan on his visits abroad. Their family is continuing to prepare a *habeas corpus* petition challenging the lawfulness of Samiullah Baloch's arrest and seeking to establish his whereabouts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of Obaidullah Baloch;
- expressing concern for the safety of Samiullah Baloch, who was reportedly arrested by military police on 16 July 2006, and urging the authorities to reveal his whereabouts;
- reminding the government that incommunicado detention is a violation of an individual's fundamental rights underlined by Articles 9 & 10 of the Pakistan Constitution;
- urging the authorities to release Samiullah Baloch unless there are recognizably criminal charges against him, in which case he must be given a prompt and fair trial;
- calling for him to be allowed access to a lawyer of his choice, family members and any medical treatment he may require.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear President Musharraf

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