

EXTERNAL

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Further information on UA 262/95 (ASA 33/27/95, 23 November 1995) - Fear for safety

PAKISTAN Masood Alam KHAN, aged 35
 Waheed Shariff KHAN, aged 25
 Tanvir Shariff KHAN, aged 16

Amnesty International has learned that Waheed Alam Khan and Tanvir Shariff Khan, arrested on 22 November 1995 by the paramilitary Rangers in Karachi, have now been released from custody. Waheed Alam Khan was reportedly beaten whilst in custody and has apparently sustained a perforated eardrum.

Amnesty International continues to fear for the safety of Masood Alam Khan, whose whereabouts since he was arrested on 20 November remain unknown. Relatives have received no information from the authorities as to where he is being detained.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of Masood Alam Khan, detained on 20 November 1995 in Karachi and believed in the custody of the Rangers;
- calling on the authorities to urgently establish his whereabouts;
- seeking assurances that he is being subjected to torture while in detention;
- calling for his release if no criminal charges are to be brought against him;
- expressing concern that Waheed Alam Khan was reportedly beaten whilst in custody and urging that an investigation into this report be carried out.

APPEALS TO:

1. President Farooq Ahmad Leghari
Office of the President
Islamabad

Telexes: 54058 PSPUB PK

Telegrams: President Leghari, Islamabad, Pakistan

Salutation: Dear President

2. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto
Office of the Prime Minister
Islamabad, Pakistan

Telexes: Prime Minister Bhutto, Islamabad, Pakistan

Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

COPIES TO: to diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 12 January 1996.