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PAKISTAN

Mirza Tahir Hussain (m)

Amnesty International has received confirmation from Amjad Hussain that his brother Mirza Hussain's death sentence has been commuted by the President of Pakistan. Noting the discrepancy in judgements by the many courts in Mirza's case, President Pervez Musharraf with the support of his cabinet used his power under Article 45 of the Constitution to commute Mirza's death sentence to life imprisonment.

Noting that Mirza had already spent 18 years in detention in Pakistan, which amounts to the duration of the sentence of life imprisonment, he has been released and is due to return to the UK and be reunited with his family shortly.

The research team would like to extend its thanks and congratulations to the UA network for working so hard on this case. Amnesty International has had a key role in helping to secure Mirza's release. No further action at present.