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**PLEASE NOTE:** TRANSLATORS AND PRESS OFFICERS - ANOTHER CORRECTION to text of annual report news release sent out in News Service 123/94. Line 22, the text should read:

...Approximately 2,000 people were put to death by the state in 32 countries...

Please correct this figure in the Death Penalty section of World Wide statistics section of the Annual Report Summaries. Thanks

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**\*\*Denmark - 21 June\*\*** - PLEASE NOTE ANOTHER CHANGE OF EMBARGO DATE. Apologies for the numerous changes to the embargo date. This is the final date. SEE NEWS SERVICES 118/94 AND 105/94

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**INDIA: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REJECTS REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH HARKATUL ANSAR**

Amnesty International today rejected a request by Harkatul Ansar, an allegedly pro-Pakistan armed group operating in Jammu and Kashmir, for a meeting in Pakistan and reiterated its appeal for the group to immediately release two hostages held since last week.

Harkatul Ansar reportedly made this request for Amnesty International to meet its members in a statement issued today.

"We deplore that the group has taken hostages in blatant violation of the principles of humanitarian law which prohibits such action and has not released the hostages despite its promises to do so," Amnesty International said. "We condemn the taking of hostages and play no part in negotiations for their release."

Amnesty International's concern in Jammu and Kashmir, as elsewhere in India, is the pressing need for effective and impartial protection of human rights. The human rights organization hopes the Indian Government will agree to an Amnesty International visit to the state for that purpose as soon as possible.

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