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Further information on EXTRA 14/99 (ASA 20/07/99, 4 February 1999) - Fear for Safety/fear of "disappearance"

INDIAZahoor Ahmed Khanday

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Zahoor Ahmed Khanday was released on about 5 February 1999.

He had been taken from his parents' house by members of the Special Operations Group (SOG), a branch of the state police, on 2 February. He was not charged with any offence, and was apparently being held hostage to persuade his brother Abdul Khanday to give himself up for questioning.

**Many thanks to all who sent appeals. Participants may send a further appeal by fax or airmail letter in English or your own language:**

- urging the authorities to bring the members of the SOG and others responsible for the illegal detention of Zahoor Ahmed Khanday to justice.