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Further information on UA 61/94 (ASA 20/06/94, 18 February 1994) - Fear of torture/illegal detention

INDIA: Sukhwinder Singh
Surjit Singh
Bhinda Singh

Amnesty International has recently learned that Surjit Singh and Bhinda Singh were reportedly released at the end of February - no further action is required on their behalf.

Sukhwinder Singh, however, reportedly remains in detention without charge. Amnesty International fears he may be subjected to torture.

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

- welcoming the reported release of Surjit Singh and Bhinda Singh;
- expressing concern that Sukhwinder Singh is still being held in illegal detention and is may be subjected to torture;
- seeking assurances that he will not be ill-treated while in police custody;
- seeking assurances that he be allowed immediate access to lawyers and relatives and brought before a magistrate forthwith;
- urging that he be immediately released if he is not charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

APPEALS AND COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Beant Singh
Chief Minister of Punjab
Office of the Chief Minister
Chandigarh
Punjab
India

Telegrams: Chief Minister of Punjab, Chandigarh, Punjab, India
Faxes: +91 172 540 647 ATT CHIEF MINISTER
Salutation: Dear Chief Minister

Mr K.P.S Gill
Director General of Police
Police Headquarters
Chandigarh
Punjab
India

Telegrams: Director General Police, Chandigarh. Punjab, India
Salutation: Dear Director General of Police

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Mr Avtar Singh
Deputy Superintendent of Police
Nakodar
Punjab

India

and to diplomatic representatives of India accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 5 July 1994.