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Further information on EXTRA 80/95 (ASA 20/16/95, 30 June 1995) and follow-up (ASA 20/17/95, 3 July) - Fear of torture / Fear for safety

INDIA Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, lawyer

Amnesty International has learned that Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf, President of the Baramulla Branch of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, who was arrested on the night of 15/16 June 1995, was released from police custody on 9 September.

Amnesty International welcomes his release, but is concerned that he was detained in police custody for nearly three months, reportedly without charge or without being brought before a magistrate and that he was ill-treated while in detention. The organization will be raising these concerns with the government.

Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf has asked for his thanks to be passed on to all those who sent appeals on his behalf. No further action by the UA Network is requested.