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India: Proposed amnesty for security personnel must be rejected

Amnesty International today sent an open letter to India's Home Minister expressing concern about the possibility of granting some form of amnesty to police officers charged with offences involving human rights violations committed during security operations against armed groups in Punjab and other areas of the country such as Jammu and Kashmir.

"No one should be allowed to operate outside the law. Any proposal to allow security forces to commit human rights violations with impunity is unacceptable," the organization said.

"Both the Indian Constitution and international human rights law make no room for amnesties for grave human rights violations, such as torture, which constitute crimes under international law. The proposal should be rejected immediately," Amnesty International said.

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