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Further information on UA 175/96 (ASA 33/06/96, 9 July 1996) and follow-up (ASA 33/07/96, 16 July 1996) - Fear for safety / Unacknowledged detention

PAKISTANZamir Hasan Ansari, aged 60
Feroza Khanom (f)
Riffat Anjum (f)
Anjum Kamal
Tariq Hasan

The whereabouts of Zamir Hasan Ansari, Feroza Khanom, Riffat Anjum and Anjum Kamal remain unknown. The four members of the same family went missing from their home in Islamabad on 1 May 1996 and are believed to be held in unacknowledged detention.

The *habeas corpus* petition filed by Zamir Hasan Ansari's second son, Tariq Hasan, continues to be heard. In the latest hearing, the judge expressed dissatisfaction at the performance of the Islamabad police and directed the Inspector General of Police to lead the investigation to locate the family's whereabouts. The next court hearing is scheduled for 8 September.

Tariq Hasan has received unofficial acknowledgement from several people in positions of authority that his family are in the custody of the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI). He has also been warned to keep a low profile and not to publicise his family's case.

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

- continuing to call on the government to take effective measures to ensure the safety of Tariq Hasan;
- continuing to express concern for the above named family who went missing from their home on 1 May 1996 and who are believed to be held in unacknowledged detention;
- continuing to call on the authorities to reveal the whereabouts of the family as a matter of urgency;
- continuing to seek assurances that whilst in detention they will not be subjected to torture or ill-treatment;
- continuing to urge that they be immediately and unconditionally released unless charged with a recognizably criminal offence, in which case they be given prompt access to a lawyer and relatives.

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 7 October 1996.