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**Further information on UA 151/01 (ASA 33/015/2001, 18 June 2001) - Denial of necessary medical treatment**

**PAKISTAN Akram Awan**

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Amnesty International has learned that after we started this Urgent Action Akram Awam was admitted to hospital for tests and treatment for tuberculosis (TB). He was also diagnosed with a chest infection, for which he was given antibiotics, and he had symptoms of asthma. He had chest X-rays and received anti-TB drugs, which he will need to take for nine months. After these tests and treatment Akram Awan was taken back to Adyala Jail, Rawalpindi.

Akram Awan had become seriously ill with TB and prison authorities had previously refused to provide proper medical treatment.

Akram Awan is a former Pakistan Air Force officer who was court-martialed in 1991 and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for anti-state activities, after an unfair trial.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network at this time, as we are switching to longer-term action on this cas. However, those that wish may write to the authorities in Pakistan, in English or your own language:**

- welcoming tests and treatment given to Akram Awan for TB and a chest infection;
- asking for information about his current state of health;
- urging that the prison medical officers ensure he receives sufficient anti-TB medication for as long as necessary;
- calling for medical officers to carefully monitor his situation and to transfer him back to hospital if necessary.

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