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Further information on UA 22/98 (ASA 33/01/98, 22 January 1998) and follow-up (ASA 33/02/98, 26 January 1998 and ASA 33/04/98, 23 February 1998) - Fear of torture / Possible prisoner of conscience

PAKISTANShaukat Ali Kashmiri, Chairman of the United Kashmir People's National Party

Amnesty International has received news that Shaukat Ali Kashmiri was released from custody a few days ago.

Shaukat Ali Kashmiri was arrested on 18 January 1998, near Bag in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, by some 10 armed men, believed to be members of Pakistan's military intelligence. He was forced into a vehicle and taken to an unknown place of detention. The authorities repeatedly denied any knowledge of his whereabouts.

Shaukat Ali Kashmiri was considered a possible prisoner of conscience, detained solely for his advocacy of an independent and united Jammu and Kashmir.

The organization is currently seeking information concerning Shaukat Ali Kashmiri's place of detention and treatment in custody.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.