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**Further Information on UA 308/05 (ASA 33/030/2005, 08 December 2005) and follow-up (ASA 33/009/2006, 04 April 2006) - Possible "disappearance"/ fear for safety**

**PAKISTAN**

**Hayatullah Khan (m), aged 32, journalist**

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Journalist Hayatullah Khan was found shot dead near the town of Mir Ali in North Waziristan tribal district, on 16 June 2006. He was abducted by five armed men on 5 December 2005, as he was on his way to report on a protest against a missile attack in the region.

His brother told the Los Angeles Times, in an interview published on 24 March, that senior officials from a Pakistani intelligence agency had told him "a few days earlier" that Hayatullah Khan was now outside their jurisdiction, and indicated that he might be in US custody. Having eliminated other possibilities, local journalists have repeatedly expressed their conviction that intelligence agencies were holding Hayatullah Khan. He had repeatedly expressed his apprehension that government agencies would take punitive action against him for his journalistic work.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan has reportedly announced a judicial inquiry into the killing and has announced Pakistan Rupees 500,000 compensation for Hayatullah Khan's family.

**No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**