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Further Information on UA 69/08 (ASA 33/010/2008, 12 March 2008) and follow-up (ASA 33/012/2008, 19 March 2008) - Imminent execution

PAKISTAN

Manjit/Sarabjit Singh (m)

The man known to the Pakistani authorities as Manjit Singh, whom relatives claim is Sarabjit Singh, has had the date of his execution delayed by 21 days. He had been due to be executed on 1 May .

He was arrested as Manjit Singh in 1990 on charges of having worked for Indian intelligence, but was convicted and sentenced in 1991 for alleged involvement with four bomb attacks in Lahore and Faisalabad that killed 14 people in 1990. An appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan to have his sentence overturned failed in 2006.

His family have claimed since his arrest that that he is not Manjit Singh, but Sarabjit Singh, an Indian farmer who accidentally strayed into Pakistani territory whilst working. Manjit/Sarabjit Singh is held in the Kot Lakhpat Prison in Lahore.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- welcoming the stay of execution for the man the Pakistani authorities believe to be Manjit Singh;
- calling on the authorities to independently verify the identity of the person with the relevant government agencies;
- calling for his death sentence to be commuted.

APPEALS TO:

President Pervez Musharraf
Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan
Fax: +92 51 922 4768 or 1422/ 920 1835 or 1893
Email: via website: <http://www.presidentofpakistan.gov.pk/WTPresidentMessage.aspx>
Salutation: Dear President Musharraf

Mr Hamid Nawaz
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Room 404, 4th Floor, Block R, Federal Secretariat
Islamabad, Pakistan
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E-mail: minister@interior.gov.pk or secretary@interior.gov
Salutation: Dear Minister

Mr Syed Afzal Haider
Minister of Law, Justice and Human Rights
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Islamabad, Pakistan
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Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Pakistan accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 22 May 2008.