

PARAS SARKI

April 10, 2006

The Honorable



Re: Arbitrary Arrest, Torture and Disappearance of a Texan, Dr Safdar Sarki, by Pakistani Authorities

Dear :

On Friday, February 24, 2006, personnel from Pakistani intelligence agencies took my husband Dr. Safdar Sarki away from his temporary Karachi residence. Dr. Sarki, a U.S. citizen from Texas, had been campaigning in Pakistan for secularism and democracy, and specifically for the protection of the rights of ethnic and religious minorities. Witnesses report that Dr. Sarki was severely beaten for about an hour at his apartment by Pakistani security personnel before being blindfolded and moved to an unknown location.

His family and friends in Texas have been trying to determine his whereabouts, but all efforts have thus far been in vain. Anonymous sources have reported that Dr. Sarki is being tortured in the custody of the Pakistani military. However, the Pakistani authorities are denying that he has been arrested. There is serious concern for the life of Dr. Sarki: Pakistani authorities have a history of torturing dissidents to death.

My sons Illahi (15) and Geanum (10) and I are very concerned about the life and safety of Dr. Sarki, and we request your office to use all available means to locate him in order to save his life.

Please contact the following governmental agencies in USA and Pakistan:

- The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, located at Diplomatic Enclave, Ramna 5. Telephone: (92-51) 208-0000; Consular Section telephone: (92-51) 208-2700, fax: (92-51) 282-2632, website: <http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/>.
- The U.S. Consulate General in Karachi, located at 8 Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi. Telephone: (92-21) 568-5170 (after hours: 92-21-568-1606), fax: (92-21) 568-0496, website: <http://karachi.usconsulate.gov/>.
- The Office of Overseas Citizens Services, 888-407-4747 or 202-647-5225.
- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, USA.
- Assistant Secretary Richard A. Boucher, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, USA.
- Pakistan Desk at the U.S. Department of State, Tel. 202-647-9823
- The Office of President Musharaf, <http://www.presidentofpakistan.gov.pk/ThePresident.aspx>.
- Governor of Sindh (Pakistan), Hon. Mr Ishrat-ul-Ibad Khan, Governor House, Karachi, Pakistan
Fax: +92 21 920 1218, +92 21 920 1226 (you may need to ask for the fax machine to be turned on).
- Minister of Law, Justice and Human Rights (Pakistan), Mr. Muhammad Wasi Zafar, S Block, Pakistan Secretariat Islamabad, fax: +92 51 9202628, e-mail: minister@molaw.gov.pk

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