

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Ms. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of August 17 concerning the status of Dr. Safdar Sarki, who has been missing in Pakistan since February 24, 2006. The safety and welfare of American citizens overseas is one of the highest priorities of the Department of State. The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad as well as the U.S. Consulate General in Karachi continues to maintain constant contact with the Pakistani authorities concerning this case.

The Embassy has sent diplomatic notes to the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding Dr. Sarki's whereabouts. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' response to the Embassy's diplomatic notes states that, following an investigation by the relevant authorities of the Government of Pakistan, Dr. Sarki's whereabouts could not be ascertained.

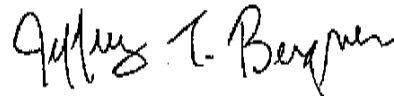
The U.S. Consulate in Karachi recently requested information on Dr. Sarki's welfare and whereabouts from Mr. Ahmed Dayo, Acting Chief of the Camp Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Karachi. Mr. Dayo responded that he would look into it. If and when he is located, the Embassy will visit Dr. Sarki and provide a welfare report to concerned family members, with Dr. Sarki's permission. The Department of State and the Embassy in Islamabad have also remained in communication with Dr. Sarki's family. Ongoing correspondence between Dr. Sarki's lawyer and Pakistani authorities continues as well.

The Honorable  
Susan A. Davis,  
House of Representatives.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Brianne Vollmer in the Near East and South/Central Asia Division of the Bureau of Consular Affairs at [REDACTED] if you have any further questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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