

Prime Minister Imran Khan
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Constitution Avenue G-5/2
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Capelle aan den IJssel, 18 April 2021

Your Excellency Prime Minister Imran Khan,

I write to you out of extreme concern for the life and safety of human rights defender Muhammad Idris Khattak who was abducted by state authorities on 13 November 2019. No information about his whereabouts was shared with his family until seven months later when authorities admitted to having him in their custody. His family still do not know his current whereabouts.

You have previously shown your support for the families of enforced disappearances, even joined them during demonstrations. No one has been held accountable for what has happened to Idris and his family and his rights continue to be violated.

It is distressing to see that his case will be heard in a notoriously non-transparent military court, which he should not be tried in as a civilian. These concerns become all the more urgent given that he may be at risk of the death penalty. I therefore call on you to immediately disclose the whereabouts of Muhammad Idris Khattak, and to ensure that he is tried by an ordinary civilian court to rule on the lawfulness of his arrest or detention. He must be granted regular access to his lawyer and family immediately.

Thank you for your attention. I am looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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