

DECISION No. 20/1995 (PAKISTAN)

Communication addressed to the Government of Pakistan on 22 April 1994.

Concerning Manzoor Masih, Rehmat Masih and Salamat Masih, on the one hand, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on the other.

1. The Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, in accordance with the methods of work adopted by it, and in order to carry out its task with discretion, objectivity and independence, forwarded to the Government concerned the above-mentioned communication, received by it and found to be admissible, in respect of allegations of arbitrary detention reported to have occurred.
2. The Working Group notes with appreciation the information forwarded by the Government concerned in respect of the cases in question within 90 days of the transmittal of the letter by the Working Group.
3. The Working Group further notes that the Government concerned has informed the Group that one of the above-mentioned persons, 13-year-old Salamat Masih, was released from jail on 13 November 1993. As regards the other two persons, the Working Group was informed that they were acquitted on 23 February 1995 and that Manzoor Masih was subsequently assassinated by two persons, who were later arrested.
4. In the context of the information received by the Working Group, having applied its mind to the available information, the Working Group, without prejudging the nature of the detention, and in terms of paragraph 14 (a) of its methods of work, which provides that "If the person has been released, for whatever reason, since the Working Group took up the case, the case is filed", decides to file the cases of Manzoor Masih, Rehmat Masih and Salamat Masih.

Adopted on 2 June 1995.