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MUHAMMAD IDRIS KHATTAK

Your Excellency,

the human rights activist Idris Khattak has documented many cases of “enforced disappearances” for Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. Unfortunately, on 13th November 2019 he fell victim to such a crime himself, being abducted near the motorway junction Swabi in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, obviously by four men who put plastic bags over the heads of Idris Khattak and his driver. Whereas the driver was soon released, the whereabouts of Idris Khattak remain obscure, although a military court trial was started against him.

I appeal to you ensure that Idris Khattak is granted a trial by a civilian court according to international legal standards, with a lawyer of his choice as his defence counsel.

Idris Khattak has been allowed to see his family twice so far, but he should be granted more regular contact with his family, and information about the place and circumstances of his detention should be disclosed, too.

Yours sincerely,