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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of bringing the fate of the 18-year-old twin brothers, Tabish and Yeshua Shahid to your attention.

They have been in Kasur prison since the end of August 2024 for allegedly desecrating the Holy Koran. The teenagers visited a village in the District of Kasur on August 26th, where they made play money out of waste paper and threw the supposed banknotes into the air.

Passers-by accused the two young people of using pages from the Holy Koran for their gambling money. Soon afterwards, calls were made in a nearby mosque to seize the twins, who initially hid for fear of being lynched. After arrests of other Christians in the area, the brothers finally surrendered.

There is reason to believe that the accusation is only superficially about enforcing respect for Islam. It appears that an example was to be set in this case.

I therefore humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to do everything in your power to advocate the release of the detainees and to ensure their and their family's safety.

Most respectfully,