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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for bringing the fate of the Pakistani minor, the student Simon Nadeem, to your attention. The teenager was arrested for alleged blasphemy on May 18, 2023 along with his 18-year-old neighbor, Adil Babar. Adil Babar was later released on bail.

The two were playing on a street in their Qurban Lines neighborhood in Lahore. A police officer arrived at the scene, beat the two teenagers and initially tried to incite passers-by to take action against these two Christians. The police officer justified the attack with accusations of blasphemy, but without providing any specific evidence. The police officer later filed a complaint, alleging that Simon and Adil had denigrated the name Mohammed by calling a young dog by the name of the holy prophet. Simon denies these allegations together with his defense team.

There is reason to believe that the police officer's complaint was only an excuse to demonstrate respect for Islam but that his main intention was to generate a negative perception of Christians in general.

I therefore humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, to do everything in your power to advocate the release of the prisoner and to ensure his safety along with the safety of his relatives.

Most respectfully,