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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for taking the liberty of bringing the fate of the 33-year-old Pakistani Christian, Humayun Faisal Masih, to your attention. He has been arrested for allegedly having violated section 295-B of Pakistan' s Criminal Code.

The mentally impaired man from the location of Sanda in Lahore District, used to work as a street sweeper in the town of Shera Kot. On May 24th 2015, he supposedly burned newspaper pages with texts from the Holy Qur'an. Although his fairly severe mental impairment was already obvious at that time, extremists attempted to lynch him. The police was able to save him from the violent crowd.

Pakistani and international news media reported subsequent assaults on Christians living in the neighborhood.

These events demonstrate once more that allegations of blasphemy are used in smear campaigns against minorities.

Therefore, dear Mr. President, I humbly beseech you, to do everything in your power to ensure that an appropriate court assumes responsibility for this case, and that you advocate the immediate release of this Christian. I consider his release, accommodation at a safe place and accompanying therapeutic care as absolutely essential.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

With expressions of my highest esteem, I remain,

Yours faithfully