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### <u>Subject: Pakistan – security forces abducted 10 member of same family including three</u> <u>children</u>

#### Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Rauf S/O Meer Jan Marri. He informed us from Balochistan, Quetta that ten members of his family have been abducted by Pakistani police and FC on the night of 1st March 2012.

Following is the narration of Rauf Marri: "My name is Rauf Marri son of Meer Jan Marri. On the night 1st March around 1 AM they (Pakistan) security forces raid our house and knocked the gate. When grandfather, Amir Khan Marri, opened the gate, the security forces flooded into our houses and started to arrest all men. Our children and women were woken by the commotion and they started shouting and screaming. The police and FC personnel harassed the women and ordered them to be silent and do not interfere. They spared me only because I cannot walk properly as I am disabled from one leg.

"They blind folded my father, my grandfather and other relatives before my eyes and dragged them out of our houses. The women and I tried to ask them about the reason why our relatives were being arrested but we got no reply. Instead we have been beaten, harassed and told off. We followed them to the gate but the security forces pushed us back in and locked the big gate from outside. Later on during the day our neighbours broke the lock and opened the gate to free us.

"The names of my abducted relatives are as follows: my grandfather Amir Khan S/O Gulbahar 70 years old, my father Mir Jan S/O Amir Khan 36 years old, my cousins Balak Sher S/O Amir Jan 15 years old, Mohammd sher S/O Amir Jan 15 years old, Lal Mohammad S/O Douran 6 years old, Gull Mir S/O Douran, Hazar Khan S/O Habib Khan 18 years old, Mazar Khan S/O Habib Khan 18 years old, Javed S/O Habib Khan 9 years old and Haneef S/O Habib Khan 8 years old.

"We are poor people and have our small businesses for survival. We have no affiliation with any political parties or organisation. All our neighbours' know that we have not been involved in any sort of illegal activity. Since the arrest of my relatives we have organised protests at Quetta press Club and tried to go to governor and chief minister house but we were not allowed to see them. It

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is beyond my comprehension why we are being ignored and why nobody is helping us? Are they treating us like this only because we are Baloch?

"I request the President of Pakistan, chief justice of Pakistan, chief minister of Balochistan, governor of Balochistan and the International Human Rights Organisation including the UN to take notice of the abduction of my family members.

Name: Rauf S/O Meer Jan Marri Age: 17 Profession: student Adress: Goharabad saryab, Quetta, Balochistan"

International Voice for Baloch Missing Persons strongly condemns the raid on house of Amir Khan Marri and urges the Pakistani authorities to release the abducted men immediately.

We also urge the International Human Rights Organisations, the UN, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International to take notice of such barbaric attacks on Baloch houses and abduction of innocent Baloch men, women and their children. As it obvious form the account of the victims' relative that most of the abductees are under 20 years of age.

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