

To: Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq
Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir
Prime Minister Secretariat
Muzaffarabad, Pakistan

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Dear Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the trumped-up charges against Pakistani journalist and poet, Ahmad Farhad, and his previous enforced disappearance from 15 May until 29 May 2024. When he resurfaced, he was taken into custody and a case was filed against him for "obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions", at Dhirkot Police Station. He has since also been implicated in another case dated 13 May 2024, in which he is not named, on charges of posting probative and hateful content on social media, especially Facebook, regarding the Kashmir Long March.

I urge you to drop all criminal proceedings against, and end the harassment and intimidation of, Ahmad Farhad. And, to ensure that anyone suspected of criminal responsibility for their involvement in Farhad's enforced disappearance is tried in court.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,