

I am writing to express my grave concern on Raza Khan, a peace activist based in Lahore, who has been missing since 2 December, raising fears that he may have been subject to an enforced disappearance.

Raza Khan left his office in Lahore's Garden Town neighbourhood on 2 December at around 7pm and never reached home.

I need to urge the Pakistani authorities to order an immediate investigation into Raza Khan's fate and whereabouts, keeping his family fully informed and updated at all times and also to order an immediate, impartial, independent and efficient investigation into this and all other possible enforced disappearances, publicly disclose the findings and bring those suspected of criminal responsibility to justice in fair trials without recourse to the death penalty.

In addition, the authorities should end the practice of enforced disappearances and ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and ensure that activists, human rights defenders, journalists, academics and members of the political opposition are able to peacefully exercise their rights to freedom of expression and freedom of association.

Sincerely yours,