

Inspector General of Police, Balochistan  
Mr. Moazzam Jah Ansari  
Central Police Office  
Quetta, Balochistan  
Pakistan

Dear Inspector General;

I am writing this to express my grave concern on Manzoor Pashteen and Haji Hidayatullah, Ali Wazir, Khan Zaman Kakar and Nawab Ayaz Khan Jomezai of the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement (Movement for the Protection of Pashtuns) who have been filed for criminal cases for peacefully calling for equality and justice for human rights violations against the Pashtun community.

Please immediately drop criminal cases against Manzoor Pashteen and other leaders of the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement. They should be respected and protected for the Pashtun Tahaffuz Movement's rights to freedom of expression and freedom peaceful assembly. I should also call on the authorities to adopt and implement legislation which recognizes and protects human rights defenders; and repeal or amend legislation that violates the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association or place obstacles in the way of legitimate activities to promote and defend human rights.

Sincerely,