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Your Excellency Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi

While we welcome the release of **Professor Muhammad Ismail**, we are concerned that he remains at risk of arrest and he and his family continue to be the subject of an intense surveillance and harassment campaign, designed to intimidate them into silence and create a sense of fear among Pakistan's already threatened human rights defenders.

The trumped-up charges against Professor Ismail under Pakistan's draconian Anti-Terrorism Act and Pakistan Electronic Crimes Act put him at risk of a lengthy prison sentence. If the charges against him are not dropped, he continues to face arrest and prosecution.

He must not be punished for exercising his right to freedom of expression, including in defence of his daughter, Gulalai Ismail – who was forced to flee her home country.

We call upon your government to immediately and unconditionally drop all charges against Professor Ismail, and to put a stop to the invasive surveillance of him and his family.

Yours Sincerely