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Your Excellency Prime Minister Imran Khan,

I write to you out of extreme concern for the life and safety of **Muhammad Idris Khattak**, a 57-year-old human rights defender and former consultant with Amnesty International. Abducted by state authorities on 13 November 2019 and subject to enforced disappearance, he was reportedly declared guilty after a secret military court trial, with no information regarding his sentence, the status of his case or the appeals process.

As a civilian, Idris should have never been tried in a military court in the first place. No one has been held accountable or even identified for abducting Idris and keeping him incommunicado for over seven months. Information about his sentencing has not even been made available to his family, let alone to the public. His family has been in anguish for over two years, waiting for answers and making it impossible for them to plan any legal recourse.

Idris' rights to a fair trial, due process, dignity and life have all been blatantly violated from the moment he was forcibly disappeared, to his detention in deplorable conditions. He remains unvaccinated against the Covid-19 virus, putting him at further risk in an overcrowded jail. His family has also expressed worry about his access to appropriate nutrition and medical attention, a flagrant denial of his right to health which is all the more concerning given his pre-existing medical conditions such as diabetes.

I call upon your government to immediately provide details of Idris' case and situation to the family and his lawyer, take the necessary steps to guarantee respect for his right to a fair trial in a civilian court, and urgently ensure his access to appropriate healthcare, including vaccination against Covid-19 and appropriate nutrition.

Yours sincerely,