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Pakistan: Treatment of members of the United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP) by the military, government or other political groups following the October 1999 coup; whether members of the UKPNP have been arrested or detained by government authorities recently or in March 1997 due to protests in Islamabad, Kohala and Rara; the mandate of the UKPNP's publication "Kashmir Bulletin" and its editor and funders; whether Sardar Ishtiaq Hussain Khan is secretary general of the UKPNP; the address of the UKPNP Central Secretariat (2005 - July 2007)

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Information on the above-mentioned subjects was scarce among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. According to *Business Recorder*, a Pakistani financial daily newspaper, Sardar Ishtiaq Hussain is the vice chairman of the All Parties National Alliance (APNA) and Waqar Kazmi is the acting chairman of the United Kashmir People's National Party (UKPNP) (14 Dec. 2005). Other news sources refer to Sardar Shaukat Ali Kashmiri as the leader (*Baluchistan Times* 18 June 2007) or chairman (*Hindustan Times* 24 May 2006; IPS 23 Jan. 2006) of the UKPNP.

The *Hindustan Times* reports that Sardar Shaukat Ali Kashmiri was exiled from Pakistan in 1999 and that he has since settled in Switzerland (24 May 2006). Similarly, the Inter Press Service (IPS) reports that Kashmiri lives in Switzerland as a refugee and that he was "arrested and tortured by Pakistani forces" on two occasions (23 Jan. 2006).

In the list of participants of a two-day conference entitled "Jammu and Kashmir - Alternative Futures," organized by the Institute for Conflict Management (ICM) that took place on the 18th and 19th of May 2006, Sardar Shaukat Ali Kashmiri is named as the secretary general of the International Kashmir Alliance and Sardar Ishtiaq Hussain is named as the general secretary of the UKPNP (18-19 May 2006). According to its website, the ICM is "a non-profit, non-governmental think tank which focuses on conflict studies, terrorism, insurgency, sub-conventional warfare, and areas of public policy relating to these issues" (n.d.). The ICM also states that Sardar Shaukat Ali Kashmiri is based in Switzerland (17 May 2006).

Information regarding the treatment of members of the UKPNP by the military, government or other political groups following the October 1999 coup and information on whether members of the UKPNP have been arrested or detained by government authorities recently or in March 1997 due to protests in Islamabad, Kohala and Rara could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response. Information on the mandate of the UKPNP's publication "Kashmir Bulletin," its editor and funders and the address of the UKPNP's Central Secretariat could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this Response.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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