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IDRIS KHATTAK, PAKISTAN

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Described by his daughters as an “enthusiastic but terrible” cook, Idris Khattak is a man of many interests. He speaks Russian, reads voraciously, and breeds chickens that he loves to chat to.

Idris is also Pakistan’s expert on enforced disappearances. He’s spent years documenting this crime under international law for Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. But in a cruel twist Idris, too, disappeared.



It was 13 November 2019 and Idris was on his way home from the capital, Islamabad, when his rented car was intercepted. He hasn’t been seen since. In Pakistan, the authorities use enforced disappearance to silence human rights defenders like Idris, and other critics.

With Amnesty’s help, Idris’ 20-year-old daughter, Talia, began fighting for her father’s return, despite being warned not to. Her bravery paid off. In June, the authorities admitted they had Idris in their custody and that they would be charging him under the Official Secrets Act. They still haven’t disclosed where he is.

Idris’ family fear he could be charged with espionage. If convicted, he could be jailed for 14 years or even sentenced to death.

“I look at pictures of Papa, and only dream of him walking into the room to be with us again,” says Talia. “We deserve answers and he deserves the protection of the law.”

Tell Pakistan’s authorities to release Idris.

WRITE TO THE AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

Tell him to release Idris or, if there is credible and admissible evidence of an internationally recognized offence, bring him promptly to justice in a fair trial before a civilian court.

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Salutation: Dear Ambassador

SHOW IDRIS’ FAMILY YOU’RE WITH THEM

Send your messages of support to his daughters Talia and Shumaisa. You can send photos of your book recommendations or of yourself gardening – two things Idris loved. Tweet them [@TaliaKhattak](https://twitter.com/TaliaKhattak) and [@shumaisa77](https://twitter.com/shumaisa77) or send hard copies to:

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