



## Embassy Row: Questioning Detentions

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Egypt and Pakistan are raising questions about Egyptian and Pakistani citizens detained in the United States after September 11. The U.S. ambassador to Egypt was called to the Foreign Ministry yesterday where a senior official, Mohamed Abbas, asked about the status of those held in connection with the U.S. investigation into the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Ambassador David Welch told reporters in Cairo that neither the U.S. nor the Egyptian government knows how many Egyptians are under detention. "This subject is of increasing concern to the government of Egypt and to the citizens of Egypt," Mr. Welch said. The United States, he explained, "understands its responsibilities under the Vienna Convention, under international law, to provide access to anybody in detention." The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations established procedures for the notification of foreign governments when their citizens are detained. "We intend to look into this matter because we understand our responsibilities, and we take them seriously," he said.

In Washington, the Pakistani Embassy raised concerns about three Pakistani citizens. The embassy identified them as Syed Farooq Ahmed, 33, detained in New York; Mahboobur Rahman, 47, held in Carroll County, Md.; and Qaiser Rafiq, detained in Suffield, Conn. "The embassy has established contacts with the FBI, the State Department and the relevant detention centers to provide the requisite consular assistance to the detainees," said embassy spokesman Asad Hayauddin.

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## Three more Pakistanis detained in America

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WASHINGTON, Nov 20: Three more Pakistani nationals have been detained by US authorities, bringing the total number of Pakistanis in custody so far to nearly 70.

These are cases of which the Pakistan embassy has been informed and relate only to Pakistani nationals, not to US citizens of Pakistani descent, hundreds of whom are also said to be in custody. Almost 90 per cent of the Pakistani nationals detained are being held on immigration charges.

The three new cases, reported over the weekend, concern Syed Farooq Ahmed, 33, held in New York; Khwaja Mahboobur Rahman, 47, in Baltimore, Carroll County; and Qaiser Rafiq, 39, in Suffield, Connecticut.

A Pakistan embassy press release says that contact has been established with the FBI, the State Department and the relevant detention centres to provide the requisite consular assistance to the three detainees. The embassy has urged Carroll County Detention Centre officials to provide medical treatment to Mahboobur Rahman, who is suffering from high blood pressure. US officials at Suffield, Connecticut, have neither confirmed nor denied Qaiser Rafiq's arrest. However, the embassy says it has been inquiring about his welfare from the officials concerned on the basis of the information provided by Mr Rafiq's family.

The Baltimore arrest is reported to be purely on immigration charges, while the other two cases relate to unspecified suspicions. But it is stressed that none of the three cases is linked to the Sept 11 attacks.

Both information and consular access relating to Pakistani nationals held by US authorities is said to have improved recently following demarches from the embassy. In some cases, arrested Pakistani nationals have waived their rights to consular access, presumably because they hope to seek asylum in this country. Meanwhile, the three city officials of Pakistani descent whose houses were raided last week in Chester, Pennsylvania, are handling their cases on their own, without Pakistan embassy intervention.

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## Two friends gunned down over monetary dispute

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LAHORE - A middle-aged man along with his accomplices gunned down his two friends over a monetary dispute outside a flat at Centre Point in Gulberg police precincts in the wee hours of Saturday. The deceased were later identified as **Farooq Ahmad**, 45, son of Mehmood Ahmad, resident of Jehlum, and Ferooz Khan, 33, son of Ziaul Din Khan, resident of Afghanistan. The incident occurred between 3 to 4 am when some unknown bike-riders opened indiscriminate fire on the victims while they were leaving in their Corolla car (NV-320) after meeting with their third friend and accused in this case, Sajjad Ahmad, resident of Gujrat, a police source said. **Police source further said the victims had arrived from Abbottabad to Lahore during the last night and stayed at the flat owned by their third friend.** They demanded their share from Sajjad, who instead of giving them their due money, called his accomplices and informed them about his nefarious design. The accused ultimately closed the chapter of their lives when they were leaving the site after getting angry, the sources further said. Police said Ferooz Khan died on the spot while Farooq was pronounced dead by the doctors at Services Hospital. Police investigators said Ferooz Khan was a driver at the USA Embassy in Afghanistan while Farooq, a businessman in America, was his friend. The accused Sajjad Ahmad is also their partner in an unknown business. All of them often visited America regarding their business, a police source said, adding it seemed they were involved in some criminal act. Talking to The Nation Police Station Gulberg SHO Inspector Ehsan Ashraf said accused Sajjad had been living in a flat at Centre Point near a Mosque, Sarkar-e-Madina since long. They were fast friends and often visited the USA. **Farooq was settled in America but was detained after the incident of 9/11, the SHO added. He said during investigations conducted by the FBI or the USA police,** Farooq suffered from throat cancer and was sent back to Pakistan a couple of years back. He said according to the heirs of the victims they had come to the City for medical treatment of Farooq. We have learnt from the neighbours that all of them were involved in drug smuggling but nothing could be established before seeking solid evidences, he commented. Ehsan Ashraf, however, said parents of the victims first flatly refused to get an FIR registered against the accused besides insisting the police to hand over the dead bodies without completing legal requirements. They agreed for lodging a case of double murder seeing the unwillingness of police in handing over the bodies without legal documentation, he added. Edhi ambulances shifted the bodies to the city morgue for autopsy. No case was registered till filing of this report with no arrest so far. Further investigations are underway.



