

ILLEGAL DETENTION OF DR. AKMAL WAHEED AND ARSHAD WAHEED

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Islamabad (March 11, 2006): Senator Professor Khurshid Ahmad has condemned Sindh Government's refusal to release Dr. Akmal Waheed and Dr. Arshad Waheed despite the fact that Sindh High Court found them innocent and ordered their release.

Prof. Khurshid Ahmad termed 'illegal, immoral and a gross violation of human rights' the doctors' detention for over one and a half year on the basis of mere suspicion. "Now that the falseness of the suspicion has been clearly established during the Court proceedings," he said, "it is criminal to keep them detained."

He said it was shameful for the government to detain them under a fresh detention order while their family members and the friends were waiting for their release at the gates of the prison to receive them. "According to my information," he said, "even this extension in detention is taking place without any documentation." Demanding immediate release of the two doctors, Prof. Khurshid said that refusal to release them or delay their release would convey the message that the rulers themselves are guilty of violating the rule of law and verdict of court.
