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The body of Mr. Mohammad Akram, a Pakistani national who died at the Guru Nanak Dev Hospital in Amritsar on 26 April 2008 is being handed over to Pakistani authorities at the Wagah Border today.

Contrary to some reports in the Pakistani media, a post mortem was conducted on the dead body in the presence of Municipal authorities and representatives of Human Rights organizations. This has confirmed that Mr. Akram died of natural causes and there were no suspicious circumstances. The post mortem report is awaited in New Delhi and would be shared with the Pakistani High Commission.

Mr. Akram was arrested on 7 February 2008 for straying across the border. He appeared to be of unsound mind. The Indian Border Security Force requested the Pakistan Rangers twice, through two flag meetings on 8 February and 9 February, to accept the inadvertent crosser back, but the Pakistan Rangers refused. Indian authorities were then forced to take him into custody for entering India illegally.

The above facts are known to the Government of Pakistan.

The High Commission of India regrets the tragic death of Mr. Akram and conveys its deep condolences to the family of the bereaved.

Islamabad
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