



## India and Pakistan Exchange List of Prisoners

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Recently, [India and Pakistan](#) exchanged lists of **civilian prisoners and fishermen** held in each other's custody through diplomatic channels simultaneously at New Delhi and Islamabad.

- Under the provisions of the [bilateral Agreement on Consular Access 2008](#), such lists are exchanged **every year on 1st January and on 1<sup>st</sup> July**.
  - **Section 4** of the agreement states that **both nations' governments must offer consular access to citizens** of the other nation within three months of their arrest, detention, or imprisonment.
  - **Section 5** of the agreement stipulates that **both governments must release and repatriate individuals** within one month of confirming their national status and completing their sentences.
- The Government of India has called for **early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, fishermen along with their boats, and missing Indian defence personnel** from Pakistan's custody.

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