

# MISSING

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## CAN YOU HELP?



**SULEMAN  
FATIH  
MUHAMMAD**

**D.O.B:**  
03/09/2002

**AGE: 7**

**LAST SEEN:**  
Block 7, Gulshan-  
e-Iqbal, Karachi,  
Pakistan

**MISSING SINCE:**  
March 28th 2003

**Suleman Fatih Muhammad** was last seen on 28th March 2003. Six month old baby Suleman was in the company of his two siblings and his mother, Aafia Siddiqui, en route to the airport, never to reach their destination. Suleman was reportedly abducted by Pakistani and US agents, lying in wait for the family as they left their Karachi residence. Placed in a separate car from his mother, he was reportedly bleeding. His mother was later shown a photo of Suleman, lying in a pool of blood. His whereabouts have been unknown for the past seven years. Suleman's brother and sister were eventually recovered in 2008 and 2010 respectively, released from custody in Afghanistan. Contact us if you assist in locating Suleman.

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**IF YOU CAN HELP US FIND  
SULEMAN, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**Suleman Fatih Muhammad** is the son of Pakistani neuroscientist, Aafia, who disappeared along with her three children in Karachi in March 2003. Despite denials by the CIA and the US Department of Justice that Siddiqui or her children were in their custody, Aafia's family and campaigners assert that they were held in secret US detention, a claim supported by former Bagram prisoners. Siddiqui resurfaced in August 2008 in Afghanistan, framed with the attempted murder of US personnel – a charge she was convicted of in a shocking miscarriage of justice. She faces life in a US prison.

Little is known about what the children endured in the years they were missing. During her trial, Aafia mentioned that she had been held "in secret prisons" where one would "see their children tortured in front of them." Suleman's brother, Ahmed was released in 2008, having spent time in the custody of the Afghan intelligence agency, the NDS, notorious for its brutal treatment of detainees; although it was not until April 2010 that Siddiqui's daughter Maryam was finally recovered, reportedly from the US airbase at Bagram where she had been held in a 'cold, dark room' for seven years. However for the past seven years there has been a deafening silence as far as Suleman is concerned. One of Siddiqui's legal team described how Suleman - only six months old - had been bleeding at the time of his abduction and that Siddiqui was later shown photos of him, lying in a pool of blood, giving rise grave concerns that Suleman may not have survived. In March 2010 President Karzai promised that "the children of Aafia Siddiqui will be sent home soon", the use of the plural renewing hope that Suleman may indeed be alive.

Siddiqui's were not the only children to have been detained to place pressure on 'suspects'; Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's sons, aged 6 and 8, were held in a Karachi detention centre, apart from the other prisoners, denied food and water and 'mentally tortured by having ants or other creatures put on their legs to scare them' into disclosing their father's whereabouts. The US has also employed this tactic in the Horn of Africa, where they detained a four year old girl, Hafsa Swaleh Ali and the children of Daniel Maldonado in atrocious conditions.

Since infancy Suleman has been deprived of his basic rights, as enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance prohibits the arrest, detention, abduction, or any other form of deprivation of liberty by agents of the State or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support, or acquiescence of the State, and the subsequent refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or concealment of the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person. The Convention states, "No exceptional circumstances whatsoever, whether a state of war or a threat of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked as a justification for enforced

disappearance." The Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance states that "enforced disappearance... constitutes a violation of the rules of international law." Even if one were to accept the US allegations against Siddiqui, under International Law, Suleman is too young to be considered criminally responsible for the alleged acts of a parent.

#### **DEMAND IMMEDIATE RECOVERY OF SULEMAN FATIH MUHAMMAD**

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#### **WRITE TO THE U.N. SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS**

Request a prompt independent investigation into Suleman's enforced disappearance; his current location, conditions of confinement and physical and psychological wellbeing; and that all information obtained is shared with Suleman's family.

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