

Freed Indian prisoner falls short of crossing Pakistan border

Procedural hitches delayed the repatriation of an Indian man released from a prison in Pakistan's Punjab province Tuesday, media reports said.

Pakistani authorities freed Ram Prakash, who was convicted for espionage in 1998, from Kot Lakhpat jail in the provincial capital Lahore after he served 10 years in prison.

Prakash was driven to the Wagah border crossing with India, but he could not be sent home as some of his 'travel documents were missing,' Geo News channel reported.

The Indian prisoner was taken back to the jail after a wait of a few hours.

According to Geo, prison officials said documents in Prakash's case were given to the Indian High Commission in Islamabad for processing, but the mission did not turn up with them at Wagah on Tuesday.

The channel quoted the detainee as claiming that he was captured by Pakistan's paramilitary forces in Sialkot area in 1997 for smuggling liquor.

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