

# URGENT ACTION

## PROTECT DETAINEES FROM FURTHER TORTURE

**Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau were arrested on 17 September in Banke District, Nepal, after police officers claimed they were in possession of a pistol and bullets. Since their arrests, they have been repeatedly tortured by unidentified police officers. They are currently in detention and remain at risk of further torture and other ill-treatment.**

**Arbind Kumar Tamoli**, 21, and his friend **Raju Nau**, 18, of Piprihawa, Banke District, were arrested by police officers on the morning of 17 September in Santaliya, Banke District. According to local human rights activists and lawyers who spoke to them, Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau were blindfolded and taken to the District Police Office, where they were accused of possessing a pistol and bullets. Both men denied the accusation and claim the pistol and bullets were planted on them by the police.

Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau have reported to human rights activists that policemen tortured them in order to extract "confessions". Arbind Kumar Tamoli stated that unidentified police officers, in different groups of three to four, beat him with a metre-long bamboo stick on the soles of his feet, slapped him and punched him repeatedly on his cheeks, back and chest, stepped onto his outstretched knees and roughly pulled his hair. Arbind Kumar Tamoli eventually signed a "confession" but claims he never read the statement as the police prepared it in his absence.

Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau remain in pre-trial detention and there is a serious risk that they may be tortured and ill-treated again.

### Please write immediately in English or your own language:

- Calling on the Nepalese authorities to take immediate action to protect Arbind Kumar Tamoli, Raju Nau from further torture and other ill-treatment from Banke police, who they allege tortured them in custody;
- Urging them to carry out a prompt, independent, impartial and effective investigation into the alleged torture and other ill-treatment of Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau by the Banke police and bring those responsible, including persons with command responsibility, to justice in proceedings which meet international standards of fairness, and provide reparations to the victims;
- Calling on them to take measures, including through legal and disciplinary steps as well as monitoring and training, to ensure that no further torture or other ill-treatment is committed by Nepal's police.

### PLEASE SEND APPEALS BEFORE 10 NOVEMBER 2015 TO:

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs  
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Home Ministry  
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Nepal  
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**Salutation: Dear Minister**

Attorney General  
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Office of Attorney General  
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Nepal  
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Email: info@attorneygeneral.gov.np  
**Salutation: Dear Attorney General**

**And copies to:**  
Inspector General of Police  
Upendra Kant Aryal  
Inspector General of Police  
Police Head Quarters  
Naxal, Kathmandu  
Nepal  
Fax: +977 1 441 5593  
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**Salutation: Dear Inspector General**

### Also send copies to diplomatic representatives accredited to your country. Please insert local diplomatic addresses below:

Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 Fax Fax number Email Email address Salutation Salutation

Please check with your section office if sending appeals after the above date.

Name: Arbind Kumar Tamoli and Raju Nau  
Gender m/f: m

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