

URGENT ACTION

SHEETAL SATHE RELEASED ON BAIL

Theatre activist Sheetal Sathe, who was arrested in Mumbai, India, on 2 April 2013 on various charges, has been released on bail. Her husband Sachin Mali and two other theatre activists remain in detention.

Sheetal Sathe and Sachin Mali are members of Kabir Kala Manch (KKM), a group which uses protest music and theatre to campaign on human rights issues, including dalit rights and caste-based violence and discrimination in the western Indian state of Maharashtra.

The Bombay High Court granted bail to Sheetal Sathe on 27 June 2013. State prosecutors said they did not object to Sheetal Sathe, who is more than eight months pregnant, being released on bail. She was released from the Byculla prison in Mumbai on 29 June.

Sachin Mali, Ramesh Gaichor and Sagar Gorke continue to be in detention, but are not at immediate risk of torture or other ill-treatment. Amnesty International will continue to monitor their situation and will take further action as appropriate.

Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required from the UA Network.

This is the first update of UA 84/13. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/ASA20/016/2013/en>

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Gender m/f: f/m

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