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Further Information on UA 250/02 (ASA 31/058/2002, 8 August 2002) Incommunicado detention/fear of torture

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Sharadha Shrestha (f), aged 26

Amnesty International has been informed that Sharadha Shrestha was transferred to Chitwan district jail in November 2002. She is being held under preventive detention. She was arrested, along with Sudhip Sapkota, on 25 July by two plainclothes security personnel from Bharatpur, Chitwan district, while cycling home from a friend's house. Sudhip Sapkota was later released.

Sharadha Shrestha, a Central Committee member of the Women's Association (Revolutionary) had been held in incommunicado detention by the army at the Bharatpur barracks for over four months. She reportedly tortured and ill-treated while in custody and was taken to hospital for treatment on at least one occasion.

No further action from the network is requested. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.