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Further information on UA 57/01 (ASA 31/005/2001, 13 March 2001) - Fear of "Disappearance"

NEPAL Krishna Sen, editor of *Janadesh Weekly*

Krishna Sen was released around 4.15pm on 15 March. He was met by a group of concerned journalists and member of a human rights organization. He had been held at Jaleswor Jail, Mahottari District since his "disappearance" a few days earlier.

Krishna Sen, editor of *Janadesh Weekly*, had been missing since 10 March, when he was rearrested under the Public Security Act soon after being released from prison on the orders of the Supreme Court. Prior to his release and rearrest, he spent two years in prison after the newspaper published an interview with one of the leaders of a Nepalese Maoist armed opposition group.

Krishna Sen held a press conference on 16 March. He reportedly appeared to be frightened. There are concerns that he may be arrested again. Amnesty International will be monitoring the situation closely.

Please send a final round of telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/ airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- welcoming the release of Krishna Sen;
- asking the authorities to guarantee his safety and to ensure that his human rights are not violated.

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