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Further Information on UA 278/04 (ASA 31/170/2004, 05 October 2004) Fear for safety/possible "disappearance"

NEPAL **Hari Prasad Paudel (m), Nepal Telecom employee**
Chandra Kanta Dhakal (m), aged 38, farmer

Hari Prasad Paudel was released on 14 October 2004 from a police station in Chhauni, an area of Kathmandu. Prior to his release he had been transferred to the police station from Jag Dal Army Barracks, also in Chhauni.

There is no further news of Chandra Kanta Dhakal who was reportedly arrested at 3pm on 16 September, from a relative's home in Kerbani Village Development Committee (VDC) Ward No.9, Rupandehi district. His relatives believe that he may be being held at Rana Shardul army barracks. However, when they tried to visit him on 26 September, they were told that he was not being held there.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:

- welcoming the release of Hari Prasad Paudel;
- reiterating concern for the safety of Chandra Kanta Dhakal who was reportedly arrested by security forces personnel on 16 September 2004;
- calling on the authorities to make public his whereabouts and to grant him immediate access to his relatives, lawyers and any medical attention he may require;
- urging that he be treated humanely while in custody and not tortured or ill-treated;
- calling for him to be released immediately and unconditionally, unless he is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

APPEALS TO: (faxes may be switched off outside office hours, GMT + 5½)

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Head Royal Nepal Army Human Rights Cell
Royal Nepalese Army Headquarters
Singha Durbar
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Fax: + 977 1 4 226 292 / 245 020 (If someone answers the telephone please ask them in English to switch on the fax machine, and resend the fax).

Salutation: Dear Lieutenant Colonel

Chief District Officer
Baman Prasad Neupane
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Salutation: Dear Chief District Officer

COPIES TO:

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Salutation: Your Majesty

and to diplomatic representatives of Nepal accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 31 December 2004