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Further information on UA 181/02 (ASA 31/044/2002, 14 June 2002) - Fear of "disappearance"/fear for safety/fear of torture

NEPAL Khim Lal Devkota (m), lawyer

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Khim Lal Devkota is currently detained in Central Jail, Kathmandu. His relatives were informed of his whereabouts in early July and have been allowed to visit him.

Khim Lal Devkota was arrested by security personnel in Kathmandu on 11 June, under the Terrorist and Destructive Activities (Control and Prevention) Act 2002. His whereabouts remained unknown for over three weeks.

A habeas corpus petition, lodged on his behalf, is pending in the Supreme Court. On 12 July, Khim Lal Devkota was presented in court and his statement was taken. On 22 July the Supreme Court scheduled 31 July for the final hearing of the petition.

**No further action from the network is needed at present. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.**