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Further information on UA 211/02 (ASA 20/012/2002, 12 July 2002) and follow-up (ASA 31/052/2002, 18 July 2002) - Fear of torture/fear of "disappearance"

NEPAL/INDIA Partha Chettri (m), journalist  
Maheshwar Dahal (m), journalist  
Aditi Shah (f), journalist  
Moti Prasad (m), student

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Partha Chettri, Maheshwar Dahal and Moti Prasad are reported to be detained at Bhadragol jail in the capital Kathmandu. They are said to be in good health. Amnesty International has so far not been able to confirm the current whereabouts of Aditi Shah.

The four were arrested in New Delhi, India on 11 July by Special Branch police, and were deported to Nepal on 14 July.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals in English or in your own language:**

- welcoming reports that Partha Chettri, Maheshwar Dahal and Moti Prasad, whose whereabouts were unknown after they were deported from India on 14 July, have now been reported to be held at Bhadragol jail, Kathmandu and to be in good health;
- urging the authorities to reveal the current whereabouts of Aditi Shah, who was deported with the other three Nepalese nationals;
- calling on the authorities to allow her access to her relatives, lawyer, and any medical attention she may need.

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Dear Prime Minister**

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**Salutation: Dear Commander-in-Chief**

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**Telegrams: Inspector General of Police, Kathmandu, Nepal**

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**Salutation:Dear Inspector General**

**COPIES 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 20 September 2002.