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**Further information on Extra 63/93 (ASA 31/04/93, 28 June 1993) - Possible
extrajudicial executions/Mass arrests/Fear of torture**

NEPAL: Prem Parajuli

Amnesty International has learned that Prem Parajuli, human rights activist from the Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC), was released today on bail. He has been charged under the Public Crime and Punishment Act. Prem Parajuli was arrested on 25 June 1993 when he went to gather information after the police had intervened when demonstrations following a strike called by the Communist Party of Nepal (United Marxist Leninist) (CPN-UML) had turned violent. At least 12 people were shot dead by police during the agitation, three of whom were targetted for defying a curfew which had been imposed, and over 300 people arrested. Prem Parajuli was detained with others at a detention centre at the Mahendra Police Club in Kathmandu.

Human rights activists who were allowed to interview some of the 134 detainees they saw at the Mahendra Police Club detention centre said that they had been ill-treated and tortured during interrogation by police who had beaten them on the shins with sticks, causing bruising with the result that some of the detainees were unable to walk properly.

Some of those arrested during the demonstrations have now been released, but it is believed that as many as 150 people are still detained without charge.

BACKGROUND

It has been reported in the press that Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala is considering dissolving parliament in the aftermath of the demonstrations, and calling fresh elections.

The Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML) has called for a general strike on 4 July.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters:

- acknowledging the release on bail of Prem Parajuli and requesting details of the charges against him;

- noting that it has been reported that Prime Minister Koirala had begun a dialogue with the CPN-UML about their demand for an official inquiry, and urging that this be continued.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prime Minister:
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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

2) Minister of Home Affairs:
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Singha Durbar
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Telexes: 2224 (Care of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please write, "Please forward to Ministry of Home Affairs".)

Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Minister of Law and Justice:
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Minister of Law & Justice
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Salutations: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

The Co-ordinator
INSEC
GPO Box 2726
Kathmandu, Nepal

and to diplomatic representatives of Nepal accredited to your country.

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16 July 1993.