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**Further information on Extra 80/98 (ASA 31/06/98, 8 December 1998) -
Disappearance/Fear for safety**

**NEPAL Sumitra Ghimire (f) aged 20, political activist
Bharat Regmi (m) aged 26, political activist**

Amnesty International continues to be concerned about the safety of the two individuals named above who were arrested by police from the premises of the Appellate Court in Rupandehi District on 29 October 1998.

The organization is trying to confirm a report that Sumitra Ghimire might be detained in Syangja District Jail, in the Western Region. The whereabouts of Bharat Regmi remain unknown.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- continuing to express concern for the safety of Sumitra Ghimire and Bharat Regmi;
- urging the government to immediately investigate and make public their whereabouts;
- urging that the authorities confirm whether Sumitre Ghimire is detained at Syangja District Jail, and if so, make public the charges against her;
- requesting that she be given immediate access to her family, a lawyer and medical treatment;
- reminding the government of Nepal of its commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular Article 9: "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile".

APPEALS TO:

Fax tones may be difficult to obtain. Please keep trying.

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***"No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention
or exile"***

Article

9, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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