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Safety of Krishna Pahadi

Your Majesty,

I am sorry to bother you with an unpleasant case. I am writing to express my deep worry for the safety of Krishna Pahadi. He is the founding chairman of the Human Rights and Peace Society – HURPES – and was arrested in Kathmandu on 9th of February of this year. It is suspected that he is imprisoned at an unknown place solely because of his engagement as a human rights defender.

I am asking you to use your influence to urge the authorities to reveal his whereabouts and allow him immediate access to his lawyers and relatives as well as any medical care required. Please help to ensure that Krishna Pahadi is treated humanely while in detention and not tortured or ill-treated.

Krishna Pahadi should be released immediately and unconditionally, unless he is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

In general, please ensure that human rights activist, journalists, lawyers and other members of civil society are able to work without fear of arrest or harassment by the security forces or any officials. Please help to establish and maintain safe and constitutional conditions in Nepal.

Thanks a lot for your support in this matter!

With kind regards,

Lothar Binding