

**Names in red indicate those who have been released
or are presumed to have been released in 2017*

NEPAL

Protestants

Bhimkali BUDHA

Place of residence: Western Nepal

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2016

Charges: Violence and witchcraft against a severely mentally ill woman whom they sought to heal

Statement of the defendant: She claims that she was arrested because of her missionary activities and that there is an intention on the side of the authorities to weaken the community

First court decision: On 19th December 2016, she was sentenced to five years in prison by the District Court of Salyan.

Last court decision: On 10th September 2017, her conviction was annulled by the Surkhet High Court.

Date of release: 22nd September 2017

Other information: She was arrested alongside Lali PUN, JAMIRAE, Suklal PARIYAR, and Ganga PARIYAR. The alleged victim, Seti Pariyar, and her husband testified at the district court to say that the five did not act forcefully or inhumanely towards her. She later testified at the church that she was completely healed because of the prayer in the church.

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/12/4789977/>

<http://goodnews.com.np/4-nepali-christians-in-prison/>,

<http://morningstarnews.org/2017/09/christians-nepal-sentenced-prison-praying-ill-woman-released/>

Suklal PARIYAR

Place of residence: Western Nepal

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2016

Charges: Violence and witchcraft against a severely mentally ill woman whom they sought to heal

First court decision: On 19th December 2016, she was sentenced to five years in prison by the District Court of Salyan.

Last court decision: On 10th September 2017, her conviction was annulled by the Surkhet High Court.

Other information: She was arrested alongside Lali PUN, JAMIRAE, Ganga PARIYAR, and Bhimkali BUDHA. The alleged victim, Seti Pariyar, and her husband testified at the district

court to say that the five did not act forcefully or inhumanely towards her. She later testified at the church that she was completely healed because of the prayer in the church.

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Ganga PARIYAR

Place of residence: Western Nepal

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2016

Charges: Violence and witchcraft against a severely mentally ill woman whom they sought to heal

First court decision: On 19th December 2016, she was sentenced to five years in prison by the District Court of Salyan.

Last court decision: On 10th September 2017, her conviction was annulled by the Surkhet High Court.

Date of release: 22nd September 2017

Other information: She was arrested alongside Lali PUN, Suklal PARIYAR, Ganga PARIYAR, and Bhimkali BUDHA. The alleged victim, Seti Pariyar, and her husband testified at the district court to say that the five did not act forcefully or inhumanely towards her. She later testified at the church that she was completely healed because of the prayer in the church.

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Lali PUN

Place of residence: Western Nepal

Date and place of arrest: On 6th June 2016

Charges: Violence and witchcraft against a severely mentally ill woman whom they sought to heal

Statement of the defendant: They were arrested because of their missionary activities and there is an intention on the side of the authorities to weaken the community.

First court decision: On 19th December 2016, she was sentenced to five years in prison by the District Court of Salyan.

Last court decision: On 10th September 2017, her conviction was annulled by the Surkhet High Court.

Date of release: 22nd September 2017

Other information: She was arrested alongside Bhimkali BUDHA, JAMIRAE, Suklal PARIYAR, and Ganga PARIYAR. The alleged victim, Seti Pariyar, and her husband testified at the district court to say that the five did not act forcefully or inhumanely towards her. She later testified at the church that she was completely healed because of the prayer in the church.

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Pratik SUNAR

Place of residence: Bharatpur

Date and place of arrest: On 19th July 2016 in his home

Charges: For running a child home without proper registration, distributing bibles to children, and forcing children to convert to Christianity

Last court decision: Unknown

Place of detention: Unknown

Other information: A public offence case has been filed against him after his arrest.

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/nepalese-christian-jailed-over-religious-conversion/76652>