

The Nepal police have released four leaders of Alliance for Impendent Madhes (AIM), on 3 July 2017, who were detained on 16 June under Public Offence Act.

Irfan Ahmed Sheikh - 30, Harpal Singh Shikh-25, Ram Manohar Yadav-28 and Pradip Kumar Gadariya were released after Nepalgunj bench of High Court Tulsipur, ordered the government on Monday to release them. The police had arrested them from their residences in Nepalgunj on 16 June 2017.

As the Chief District officer of Nepalgunj extended the custody of Irfan Ahmed Sheikh, his brother Sheikh had filed a habeas corpus writ petition on 30 June in the court, seeking the release of all four persons including his brother.

The police had arrested them on the mere basis of doubt that they could disrupt the second phase of local polls and booked them under Public Offence Act.

According to Alam Khan, Human Rights officer of THRD Alliance, the accused were tortured by the police while they were in the custody.

This writ petition was registered in support of THRD Alliance.