

# **Alliance for Democracy & Human Rights in Nepal**

## **Press Release August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Alliance for Democracy & Human Rights in Nepal (ADHRN) and Association of Nepali Teraian in America (ANTA) jointly organized a fund raiser “high tea” event at Tangra Masala Restaurant in New York on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007, for the victims of recent flood and landslides in Nepal. The event was actively supported and promoted by fourteen other Nepali organizations based in New York. (See list below) The event raised a total of US \$ 3,684, which was handed over to Christophe P. Lobry-Boulanger, Chief External Affairs Officer, American Red Cross in Greater New York, by Nagendra Ingnam, General Secretary, ADHRN. The amount is to be transferred to Nepal Red Cross for their relief efforts in Nepal.

Welcoming the Nepalis and friends of Nepal gathered at the event, President of ADHRN, Anil Shahi, said that even though ADHRN was established in 1989 primarily to promote the values of democracy, freedom and equality in Nepal, at times of natural calamity such as the recent flood and landslides in Nepal, the word “democracy” becomes synonymous with “humanity”, and that ADHRN always remains pro-active in helping Nepalis in times of need.

Deputy Representative of Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations, Mr. Madhuban Poudel, briefed the crowd about detrimental effects the recent flood and landslides is having in Nepal. He also praised and thanked the Nepali community in New York for coming together to help their brothers and sisters in Nepal at this hour of unimaginable natural disaster.

Apprising the gathered about Red Cross activities in New York area, Director of Red Cross, Queens County, New York, Joan A. Foley, and other local Red Cross representatives urged everyone to be generous in providing help to the needy, whether locally in New York, or globally, particularly in the local communities’ respective countries.

The event was co-hosted by the Office of New York State Senator, John D. Sabini. Shams Tarek, Senator Sabini’s Director of Communications, congratulated the organizers for prompt and effective action on making the event possible, and stated that the Senator’s office remains ready to help in any aspect of local communities’ concerns, be it in New York, or in their respective countries.

Presenting checks to the Red Cross on behalf of three Nepali organizations in New York were: Dr. Tara Niraula, American Nepal Friendship Society; Arjun Gurung, Tamu (Gurung) Society; and Bikram Nembang, Kirat Yakthung Chumlung.

Bindu Chaudhary, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of ADHRN, and a Board Member of ANTA, thanked everyone for their contributions, and urged all Nepalis around the world to do everything in their capacity to let the flood and landslide victims in Nepal know that we care.

ADHRN and ANTA are still accepting more donations through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 online: [www.terai.org](http://www.terai.org); click on “Donations” at the bottom right; write “ADHRN” in the item box. Any additional amount will be handed over to American Red Cross in Greater New York.

List of organizations whose support and help in making the event possible is much appreciated by ADHRN and ANTA:

America Nepal Friendship Society, *President: Tara Niraula*  
Himalayan Foundation, *President: Yagya Lal Shrestha*  
Kirat Rai Society of America, *President: Mani Bangdel*  
Kirat Yakthung Chumlung, USA, *President: Purna Limbu*  
Langhali Association of USA, *President: Nilam Thapa Magar*  
Mustang Sewa Samaj, *President: Norbu Gyaljen Thakuri*  
Nepalese Democratic Youth Council, *President: Pramod Sitaula*  
New York Newa Guthi, *President: Aditya Maharjan*  
Ridgewood Nepalese Society, *President: Mohan Gyawali*  
Tamang Association of USA, *President: Ram Tamang*  
Tamu (Gurung) Society, *President: Tika Gurung*  
United Kirat Rai Association, *President: Pravaker Rai*  
United Nepalese Democratic Forum, *President: Tek Gurung*  
United Sherpa Association, *President: Chhongba Sherpa*

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