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Further information on UA 02/02 (ASA 31/002/2002, 3 January 2002) - Fear for safety/"disappearance"

NEPALJitendra Mahaseth (m), doctor

Amnesty International has been informed that Jitendra Mahaseth was released on 5 January 2002.

Dr Mahaseth, who works at Nepalgunj Medical College, Kohalpur, Nepalgunj, western Nepal, had been arrested on 17 December 2001, apparently because he had given medical treatment to at least one member of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) (Maoist), an armed political group. He was reportedly held in army custody.

No further action from the network is needed, and thank you to all those who sent appeals.