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Further Information on UA 321/03 (ASA 31/071/2003, 6 November 2003) Fear for safety/possible "disappearance"

NEPAL **Gopi Krishna Thapaliya (m), aged 45, lawyer**

Gopi Krishna Thapaliya was released on 14 November. He had been held at the Singha Durbar army barracks in Kathmandu, where he was blindfolded for the entire period of his detention.

Gopi Krishna Thapaliya is originally from Koshi Dekha Village Development Committee (VDC) in Kavrepalanchok district, and currently lives in Koteshwar, Kathmandu. He was arrested at his home on 4 November by six security personnel in plain clothes. The reason for his arrest is unknown.

No further action from the network is required. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.