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Further information on EXTRA 23/02 (ASA 31/025/2002, 22 March 2002) - Fear of torture/Fear for safety

NEPAL Mana Kaji Manandhar (m), aged 31, tea shop owner
Sankha Narayan Dangol (m), aged 22, carpenter
Narayan Das Dangol (m), aged 25, motor mechanic
Suraj Dangol (m), aged 17, student

Killed: Kancha Dangol (m) carpenter

Narayan Das Dangol and Sankha Narayan Dangol were released on 22 March 2002. Suraj Dangol and Mana Kaji Manandhar were released on 29 May. All four had been severely tortured while in the custody of the army.

The four men, together with a fifth man named Kancha Dangol who was later found shot dead, were arrested by soldiers on 15 March at Saraswoti Village, in Tokha, Kathmandu. Following arrest they were reportedly taken to the Sivapur army camp, near Tokha, where they were interrogated about their alleged involvement with the Maoist movement.

No further action from the network is required. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.