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Further Information on UA 278/03 (ASA 31/037/2003, 26 September 2003) and follow-up (ASA 31/090/2003, 27 November 2003) - Fear for safety/possible "disappearance"

**NEPAL Ek Nath Chaulagain (m), aged 42, businessman**

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Amnesty International has learned that Ek Nath Chaulagain was released on 16 August, but rearrested immediately and held in an unknown location. One week later he was taken back to the Bhadra Bandi Griha jail in Tripureshwar, Kathmandu. His family are able to visit him, but he has not been told why he has been detained.

He was reportedly first arrested at his home in Koteshwor, Kathmandu on 11 September 2003. Reports suggest he was held at Singha Durbar army barracks, and later moved to Bhadra Bandi Griha jail where his family were able to visit him. On 16 August they were told that he would be released, and his wife signed the release papers. However, when he left the jail he was rearrested by soldiers in civilian clothes and taken away in a pick-up truck.

**Many thanks to all those who sent appeals. If possible, please send a final round of appeals, to arrive as quickly as possible, in English or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of Ek Nath Chaulagain, who was reportedly released and rearrested on 16 August 2004 and remains detained without charge at Bhadra Bandi Griha jail;
- calling on the authorities to guarantee that he be treated humanely while he remains in custody, and not tortured or ill-treated;
- calling for him to be released immediately and unconditionally, unless he is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 November 2004.