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**Further Information on UA 356/02 (ASA 31/073/2002, 10 December 2002) Fear for safety/fear of torture/fear of "disappearance"**

**NEPAL** **Bhogendra Yadav (m), aged 34 - pharmacist**

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Bhogendra Yadav was transferred to Siraha district jail in the middle of December 2002 under a preventive detention order. He was reportedly subjected to torture and ill-treatment at the army barracks in Siraha, where he was held in incommunicado detention for ten days.

Bhogendra Yadav was arrested from his pharmacy in Chhapradi Chowk, Siraha town, by a large group of army personnel at about 5pm on 1 December 2002. It is believed that he was arrested on suspicion of supplying medicines to members of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) (Maoist) who are involved in an armed conflict with the government after declaring a "people's war" in February 1996.

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