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Further Information on UA 138/03 (ASA 31/018/2003, 16 May 2003) Fear of safety/Torture/Intimidation

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Lawyers were permitted to visit the four prisoners named above on 19 May and report that they have not been subjected to further torture or ill-treatment since their visit to hospital four days earlier.

The four had been arrested for attempted murder and were being held at Hanumandhoka district police station in Kathmandu where they had been reportedly subjected to torture and ill-treatment. The prisoners had been taken to hospital by the police in the company of lawyers on 15 May. Before they went, an Assistant Sub-Inspector who was in charge of the documentation permitting prisoners to be taken to hospital, threatened them that once they returned, they would get what he referred to as "the treatment".

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