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Further Information on UA 336/03 (ASA 31/78/2003, 18 November 2003) Fear for safety / fear of “disappearance”

NEPAL

Bal Ram Karki (m), aged 58, businessman

Amnesty International has been informed that Bal Ram Karki was released on 10 December 2003, after 27 days in an unknown place of detention. He is reportedly in good health.

He was arrested on 13 November 2003, reportedly on suspicion of sympathising with the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), which is in armed conflict with the Nepalese government.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all who sent appeals.