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Further information on UA 77/02 (ASA 31/019/2002, 13 March 2002) - Fear of Torture/Fear for safety

**NEPAL**Gopal Budhathoki (m), newspaper editor

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Gopal Budhathoki was released on 26 March. He had reportedly been held at the army barracks at Chhauni in Kathmandu.

Gopal Budhathoki is the editor and publisher of the weekly newspaper *Sanghu* (Bridge). He had been arrested by the security forces on 3 March, on his way home from the newspaper's offices in Kathmandu.

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