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Further information on UA 248/02 (ASA 31/056/2002, 7 August 2002) - Fear of torture

NEPALBishnu Prasad Gyanwali
Thirteen other people (names unknown)

Bishnu Prasad Gyanwali and thirteen (originally thought to be nine) other people arrested on 15 July in Dipo bazaar, Kailali District, were released yesterday afternoon.

Amnesty International has received reports that all of them were severely tortured during their detention in Goraknath Cantonment. One report says that they were put in a metal drum full of water up to their necks and were repeatedly given electric shocks.

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

- welcoming the release of Bishnu Prasad Gyanwali and the thirteen other people who were detained at the same time as him;
- expressing concern at reports that all fourteen were severely tortured while in detention in Goraknath Cantonment;
- calling for an investigation into the alleged torture of Bishnu Prasad Gyanwali and thirteen others at Goraknath Cantonment.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 September 2002.