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**Further Information on UA 267/02 (ASA 31/063/2002, 28 August 2002) Fear for safety/fear of torture/fear of "disappearance"**

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**Raman Kumar Shrestha (m), lawyer**

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Raman Kumar Shrestha was released on the orders of the Supreme Court on 4 October 2002. A *habeas corpus* writ had been filed on his behalf on 28 August.

Raman Kumar Shrestha was arrested by army personnel on 23 August, on his way to his office in Kanuni Uddhar Kendra, Bagbazar, Kathmandu. It is believed he was held in army custody at the Chauni army barracks in Kathmandu, although the authorities denied he was in their custody for over a month. However, the authorities publicly acknowledged that they were holding him in detention a few days before his release.

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