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**Further Information on UA 242/02 (ASA 31/054/2002, 31 July 2002) Fear of torture/fear of "disappearance"**

**NEPAL** **Bishnu Pukar Shrestha (m), former secondary school  
teacher and  
human rights activist**

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Bishnu Pukar Shrestha was released on 16 December.

He was arrested by plainclothes security personnel at his rented apartment in Kathmandu on 29 July. Since his arrest Bishnu Pukar Shrestha has been held blindfolded in incommunicado detention in army custody. The authorities had denied his arrest and had not disclosed his whereabouts for the five months of his detention.

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