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Further Information on UA 265/03 (ASA 31/032/2003, 16 September 2003) Fear for safety/fear of torture

NEPAL

Om Bahadur Thapa (m), aged 31

Amnesty International has learned that Om Bahadur Thapa was released from Singha Durbar army barracks on 14 October. He had reportedly been detained by security forces personnel for over a month.

Om Bahadur Thapa was reportedly arrested at his watch repair shop in Kupandol, Lalitpur, on 11 September 2003, by plain clothes security personnel claiming to be from the Gaushal Ward Police Post. Reports suggest that he was transferred to army custody the following day. He was allegedly beaten, starved and kept blindfold in detention. There is no news on the current state of his health.

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