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Further Information on UA 331/03 (ASA 31/076/2003, 14 November 2003) Fear for safety/ Possible "disappearance"

NEPAL

**Gyan Bahadur Maharjan (m), aged 43, carpenter
Rajesh Maharjan (m) aged 40, carpenter**

Gyan Bahadur Maharjan and Rajesh Maharjan were released at their homes on 25 March 2004. They were reportedly arrested by security force personnel at their homes in Panga, Kirtipur, in Kathmandu district on 9 November 2003. Neither of the men knows where they were held as they were blindfolded and kept in solitary confinement throughout their detention. They were questioned for a couple of days when they were first arrested .

Gyan Bahadur Maharjan is reportedly in good health, but Rajesh Maharjan still has a gastric complaint he developed in custody.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all who sent appeals.