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**Further Information on UA 83/04 (ASA 31/054/2004, 26 February 2004) Fear for safety/ possible "disappearance"**

**NEPAL**

**Released Shankha Buddha Lama (m), aged 41, Nepali Congress Party activist and social worker**

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Amnesty International has received information that Shankha Buddha Lama was released from Bhairab Nath Gan army camp in Maharajgunj, Kathmandu, on 27 May.

Shankha Buddha Lama was reportedly arrested by security forces personnel in plain clothes in Dulikhel, Kavrepalanchowk district on 24 February. He was arrested on suspicion of aiding the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) (Maoist). Shankha Buddha Lama strongly denies the accusation and no formal charges have been brought against him.

Shankha Buddha Lama's family were not told of his whereabouts or allowed to visit him whilst he was in detention, but he was allowed to phone them once. His treatment whilst in custody was generally good, and improved, he believes, after Amnesty International released an urgent action on his behalf.

**No further action is required from the network at this time. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.**