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Further Information on UA 66/06 (ASA 31/014/2006, 23 March 2006) - Fear of torture

NEPAL **Hom Bahadur Bagale (m), aged 41, Police Sub-Inspector**

Hom Bahadur Bagale was released on 28 March, on the orders of the Supreme Court. A habeas corpus writ had been lodged on 24 March by the Centre for Victims of Torture (CVICT). The court ruled that his detention was illegal and ordered the police to set him free immediately.

In a shabby police uniform, Bagale walked free from the court, telling journalists that the police had tortured him, and threatened him with further torture, while he was in custody.

In a press release, CVICT said: "It was a result of joint, courageous efforts from all of us. We would like to express our sincere thanks for your initiation, support and believe that our solidarity for the common concern of human rights and justice will thrive forever."

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.