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Further information on UA 78/02 (ASA 31/020/2002, 13 March 2002) and follow-up (ASA 31/029/2002, 9 April 2002) - Torture/Fear for safety

NEPAL Saligram Sapkota (m), lawyer

Saligram Sapkota's relatives were allowed to visit him at the Chisapani army barracks in Nepalgunj, Banke district in early June. He is reported to be in good health and his relatives were given assurances by the Major in charge of the camp that he would not be ill-treated.

Saligram Sapkota is reported to be held under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention and Control) Act, 2002, which allows for preventive detention without charge or trial for 90 days, extendable for another 90 days with permission of the Home Ministry.

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