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Further Information on UA 69/04 (ASA 31/40/2004, 20 February 2004) - <u>Fear for safety / possible</u> <u>"disappearance"</u>

NEPAL Lok Krishna Battarai (m), politician and lawyer

Lok Krishna Battarai was released on 28 February.

Four security force personnel in plain clothes reportedly brought him to his house at 11.45am and asked his family to sign a receipt for his release. He was reportdly arrested on 18 February and it is believed he was held in Singha Durba army barracks. He and his family thanked Amnesty International for campaigning on his behalf.

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