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Further Information on UA 327/03 (ASA 31/074/2003, 12 November 2003) Fear for safety/fear of "disappearance"

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| NEPAL | Saha Dev Risal (m), aged 55, former government official |] Released |
| | Purushottam Sapkota (m), aged 46, farmer |] |

Saha Dev Risal was released on 13 November when he was dropped at his house by four security forces personnel. He believes he was held at the Bhairabnath Gan army barracks in Maharajgunj, Kathmandu, where he was blindfold for the entire period of his detention

Saha Dev Risal was arrested from his home in Purano-Kalimati, Kathmandu, on 6 November by eight armed security forces personnel. He was arrested on suspicion of supplying arms to the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN) (Maoist), a charge which he vigorously denies.

Purushottam Sapkota was released on 13 November. Security forces personnel reportedly returned him back to his home. There is no information about where he was held.

No further action from the network is required. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.