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Further Information on UA 270/03 (ASA 31/036/2003, 19 September 2003) Fear for Safety/ possible "disappearance"

NEPAL **Shubhashankar Kandel (m), aged 30, journalist**

Shubhashankar Kandel, managing editor of *Janadharana* ("People's Opinion"), was arrested on 9 September by security personnel in plain clothes. He was reportedly released on 1 October, but rearrested on 18 October and held for one day. The reason for his arrest on both occasions is unknown, though the National Human Rights Commission and the Nepalese Journalists Federation reportedly made inquiries to the government on his behalf.

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