

URGENT ACTION

UK NATIONALS RELEASED

UK nationals Krishna Upadhyaya and Ghimire Gundev have been released. They are not known to have been charged with any offence.

UK nationals **Krishna Upadhyaya** and **Ghimire Gundev** were released on 9 September. They had been held incommunicado from 31 August until 6 September, when UK consular officials met them and took messages to their families. The Qatari government only acknowledged that day that it had detained the men, and are not known to have charged them.

Following their release, the two men returned to the hotel where they were staying and were expected to spend part of 9 September with the police, seeking to recover the equipment they used during their research, including mobile phones and recording equipment. They are expected to return to the UK in the next few days.

Krishna Upadhyaya's wife told Amnesty International on 9 September that her husband was well, but tired.

In a statement on its website, their employer, the Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD), expressed relief at their release (see: <http://gnrd.net/seemore.php?id=876>). The organization also thanked the rapidly assembled, informal coalition that emerged to campaign for the speedy resolution of the case, including Amnesty International, Anti-Slavery, the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Front Line Defenders, Human Rights Watch and Walk Free along with the 50,000 people who supported a petition.

No further action is requested by the UA Network. Amnesty International will remain in contact with GNRD and Krishna Upadhyaya and Ghimire Gundev's families. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA 222/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE22/007/2014/en>

Names: Krishna Upadhyaya, Ghimire Gundev's

Gender m/f: m

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