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Further Information on UA 298/03 (ASA 31/053/2003, 21 October 2003) Fear for safety / Possible 'disappearance'

**NEPAL** 

Udaya Raj Gautam (m) aged 38, teacher

Udaya Raj Gautam was released on 16 January. Six security forces personnel reportedly brought him to his house in a van and asked his wife to sign a receipt in return for his release.

He had been arrested at his home by four security personnel on 29 September 2003, and spent three and a half months in detention.

No further action is requested from the Urgent Action network. Thank you to all who sent appeals.