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Further Information on UA 168/05 (ASA 31/053/2005, 17 June 2005) Possible "Disappearance"/Fear for safety/Fear of torture or ill treatment

NEPAL

Keshav Thapa (m), farmer and security guard

On 20 June, Keshav Thapa was released from the Surya Binayak army barracks in Bhaktapur district, where he was tortured and held in illegal detention for one week. The Royal Nepalese Army (RNA) has said it is investigating the incident. Family members have requested no further intervention in his case, fearing that there could be reprisals.

Keshav Thapa was abducted by members of the security forces on 13 June, after he went to the Bhaktapur district court to seek compensation for torture he had allegedly suffered at the hands of a guard at the Surya Binayak army barracks during an earlier incident. He had been detained previously at Surya Binayak for five hours on 6 April.

It is not clear why he was targeted.

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