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Further Information on UA 278/03 (ASA 31/037/2003, 26 September 2003) and follow-up (ASA 31/090/2003, 27 November 2003 and ASA 31/173/2004, 13 October 2004) - Fear for safety/ possible "disappearance"

NEPAL Ek Nath Chaulagain (m), aged 42, businessman

Ek Nath Chaulagain was released on 14 October.

He was first arrested at his home in Koteshwor, Kathmandu on 11 September 2003. The plain clothes security forces personnel that arrested him reportedly said that they were taking him away for interrogation. Reports suggest he was held at Singha Durbar army barracks, and later moved to Bhadra Bandi Griha jail in the Tripureshwar area of Kathmandu.

Although Ek Nath Chaulagain was initially released on 16 August 2004, he was immediately rearrested by soldiers in civilian clothes. One week later he was taken back to the Bhadra Bandi Griha jail. His family were able to visit him, but he was still not told why he was detained. The conditions of his detention are not known.

His release on 14 October came one day after members of Amnesty International's Urgent Action network reiterated their concerns for his safety.

No further action is required from the Urgent Action network at this time. Thanks to all who sent appeals.