

One of 2 Indians abducted in Libya flees from captivity

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New Delhi: One of the two Indians, who were abducted in Sirte in war-devastated Libya, has managed to flee from captivity.

Sources said Pravash Ranjan Samal, hailing from Odisha, escaped from the captors and conveyed to one of his friends that he was fine.

Samal and Ramamurthy Kosanam, a resident of Andhra Pradesh, were abducted from Ibn-e-Sina in Sirte where they were working.

The sources said efforts are on to secure Kosanam's release.

In July, four Indian teachers were kidnapped in Libya allegedly by the Islamic terrorists and release of two of was secured by the government.

The two other nationals remain in the custody of Islamic militants for past more than one-and-a-half months.

Spokesperson in the External Affairs Ministry Vikas Swarup had yesterday said that abduction of the two Indians from Sirte has been taken up at diplomatic level.

Sirte is under the control of the Islamic State terror group, which is steadily expanding its influence in central Libya.

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