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## Missing in peace

By Our Staff Reporter

BANGMORE, MARCH 18. In the context of the ongoing peace process between India and Pakistan including the cricket initiative, The Centre for Education and Documentation is screening filmmaker Gopal Menon's documentary, *Papa 2* about missing people in Kashmir tomorrow (March 19, 7 p.m.). The documentary captures the trauma of parents who have lost their children, of half-widows, lost wives, lost mothers and fathers.

Gopal Menon says the film is titled *Papa 2* after a "famed" interrogation centre in Kashmir. "Parents tell us that if their children are no more, they may possibly be in *Papa 2*. Most people in the film talk about their missing and *Papa 2* because it is the most feared. There are other centres too like *Papa 1* and *Gordon 1*." The centre, says Gopal, a Scottish-type Villa, was later converted into a chief secretary's residence and named Fair Castle. One gets to see soldiers passing on slips about relatives inside *Papa 2*.

The film records the formation of the Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons following the desperation of parents unable to find their near and dear ones. The film screened at Kathmandu, Amsterdam, Mumbai among other cities is by implication asking two questions: What stories will people involved in the peace process tell of those missing and how will they tell them? Call 25353397 for details.