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OHCHR-Nepal condemns the killing of Mr. Bijay Lal Das

OHCHR-Nepal condemns and calls on the leadership of the CPN (Maoist) to condemn the killing of Mr Bijay Lal Das, Chairman of the Nepal Sadbhavana Party in Dhanusha District and candidate for mayor of Janakpur in the municipal elections scheduled for 8 February; to state whether it was committed by cadres of its Party; and if so to hold accountable those responsible for the killing.

"I urge the leadership of the CPN (Maoist) to state publicly and to all its cadres that it is against the policy of the Party for any unarmed civilian to be killed, including candidates and officials in the municipal elections," stated Ian Martin, the Representative in Nepal of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

OHCHR-Nepal continues to seek further information about the killing of Mr Bijay Lal Das.