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OHCHR-Nepal calls for an end to CPN-Maoist abuses, releases report

OHCHR-Nepal today publicly released a document setting out its major concerns regarding human rights abuses committed by CPN-Maoist cadres since its ceasefire declaration of 26 April. The 8-page document was delivered to the CPN-Maoist on 11 September, and sets out concerns regarding killings, abductions, ill-treatment and torture, the deaths of persons who were abducted by cadres of CPN-Maoist, and extortion, as well as concerns related to the rights of children and of internally displaced people.

Since that time, OHCHR-Nepal has received new reports of abuse which it is investigating. These include two recent deaths in Lamjung District: the killing of Shanta Bahadur BK by members of the CPN-Maoist militia on 6 September, and the death of 16-year-old Kumar Pariyar on 10 September after being held by cadres of CPN-Maoist militia.

Investigations also continue into the reported abductions of the following eight individuals, whose whereabouts remain unclarified: Dip Narayan Yadav on 6 June in Dhanusha District; Ram Prasad Yadav on 26 June in Saptari District; Dev Narayan Chaudari on 6 July in Nawalparasi District; Raju Dhakal and Janak Pathak on 23 July in Ilam District; Manisha Rajbansi and Birendra Kamat on 5 August in Morang District.

Children continue to be recruited into and used in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and militias. OHCHR-Nepal notes the release, on 22 September, of 12 out of 20 children recently recruited by the PLA in Dolakha District. However, there are still numerous children in the PLA and militia, including new recruits. OHCHR-Nepal calls on the CPN-Maoist to work with child protection agencies to allow them to return home, and to give clear directives to its cadres to stop recruiting children.

"Despite the 2 September directive by the leadership of the CPN-Maoist to end human rights abuses, and repeated calls by our Office that the leadership hold its cadres accountable, serious abuses continue throughout the country. The CPN-Maoist must show that it is serious about its commitments by ending these abuses and ensuring that those cadres responsible are brought to account," said David Johnson, Officer-in-Charge of OHCHR-Nepal.