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**OHCHR-Nepal calls on security forces not to use unnecessary lethal force**

OHCHR-Nepal reiterates its call for urgent measures to be taken to stop the violence and prevent further death and serious injury in the Terai. Today, an OHCHR-Nepal team has again witnessed the serious consequences of the use of lethal force by the security forces during a curfew in Birgunj, Parsa District, which has resulted in life-threatening injury after police fired at a crowd. Sixteen deaths and a high number of serious injuries have been confirmed by OHCHR-Nepal since 19 January, many shot by police. OHCHR is continuing its investigations into the circumstances of the incidents in which they were shot.

*“While recognising that security forces have a difficult task in ensuring law and order, the imposition of a curfew does not justify the use of live bullets in non-life threatening situations”,* said Representative Lena Sundh.

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