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**OHCHR-Nepal condemns killings in Rautahat,  
urges immediate end to violence**

OHCHR-Nepal condemns the violence that occurred Wednesday between supporters of the Madheshi People's Rights Forum and CPN-M in Gaur, Rautahat District, resulting in the deaths of at least 12 people, including two women. Hospital sources indicated that at least some victims died as a result of head injuries caused by beatings with bamboo *lathis*. Dozens of other people were admitted to hospital, some with serious head injuries.

A team of OHCHR human rights officers is in Gaur investigating the incidents, including the causes of death.

The clashes occurred during simultaneous rallies organized by the two groups, which went ahead in spite of both organizations being aware of the potential for conflict.

“I call on the leaders of the Forum and CPN-M at central and local levels to immediately take steps to end such unacceptable violence, and to ensure that differences are resolved through peaceful dialogue instead. OHCHR also urges authorities to take all necessary steps to investigate the killings and other violent incidents and to hold accountable anyone found to be responsible,” said Lena Sundh, Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal.

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