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OHCHR-Nepal, NHRC launch poster to mark Human Rights Day

OHCHR-Nepal and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) today launched an illustrated version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to mark the 60th anniversary of the UDHR. The poster was unveiled at a programme at NHRC headquarters, which included speeches from Prime Minister Prachanda, NHRC Chairperson Kedar Nath Upadhyay and OHCHR-Nepal Representative Richard Bennett.*

“Today, and over the past days, there have been many events all over Nepal designed to raise awareness of the UDHR such as a film festival, concert, a UDHR song, a marathon against impunity and the release of this new poster, to name a few. No matter how willing duty bearers may appear to be to turn the principles of the Declaration into reality, experience shows us that for this to happen, it is essential for the people to know their rights and to assert them,” said Bennett.

Other activities organised by OHCHR-Nepal and its partners to mark Human Rights Day, 10 December, included: an exhibition of photos on prison conditions in Nepal, in Kathmandu; the launch of the Know Your Rights campaign in Dhangadhi; a human rights marathon in the Eastern Region; a street drama on ending impunity in Pokhara; an exhibition of drawings on the themes of transitional justice / impunity in Nepalgunj, and a UDHR60 commemoration programme in Kaliya, Bara District.

**A low-resolution version of the poster is attached along with photos of events on 9 and 10 December. Please contact Chun Gurung (4280164, ext 320) or Samira Shakya (4280164, ext 317) if you would like high-resolution copies. Copies of the poster are also available for distribution from all offices of OHCHR-Nepal and the NHRC.*

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