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OHCHR-Nepal trains journalists in Eastern Region on human rights

BIRATNAGAR – OHCHR-Nepal, along with the Federation of Nepali Journalists (FNJ), on Thursday concluded its second capacity-building programme for journalists on human rights in a post-conflict environment, in Dharan.

25 journalists, including 10 women, from 13 districts in the Eastern Region attended the 4-day programme, which outlined basic human rights information and engaged participants in discussions on how to report on human rights in today's Nepal. Other partners who contributed to the training included the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Protection Desk (on journalists' safety), UNESCO and the ICRC.

This week's programme follows a training for journalists in the Central Region, held in Janakpur in March 2008. Whereas the initial programme examined in detail the issues of discrimination and accountability, this week's capacity building focused on human rights and the Constituent Assembly as well as the issue of transitional justice.

A third training is scheduled for the Mid- and Far-West regions in September.

“I am pleased that OHCHR and its partners were able to organize this workshop to meet the demands of journalists with whom we work on a regular basis,” said Frederick Rawski, Head of OHCHR-Nepal's Eastern Regional Office. “I believe that it has provided them with important information about human rights in this critical period of Nepal's history and also helped to establish a foundation of knowledge upon which they can build throughout their careers.”

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