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Victim and others at risk after conviction of two persons in domestic violence case in Nepalgunj

NEPALGUNJ – OHCHR-Nepal is deeply concerned about reports of threats received by the victim, human rights defenders and others in relation to their involvement in the case of Hasrun Idrisi, which was decided by the Banke District Court on 19 January.

OHCHR-Nepal notes the significance of the conviction of Ms. Idrisi's husband and a member of his family for attempted murder by setting Idrisi on fire on 6 November 2007, as a result of which she suffered severe burns.

The Office strongly urges the state authorities, including the Nepal Police and Chief District Officer, to take measures to ensure the security of the victim, her family, witnesses, the lawyers representing the victim, and other human rights defenders, in line with their obligations under domestic law.

Ms. Idrisi's case highlights the serious issue of domestic violence. OHCHR-Nepal encourages the government to ensure that robust legislation on domestic violence, consistent with international standards, be passed as a matter of priority.

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