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OHCHR receives assurance from CPN(M) leadership

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal has received an assurance from the leadership of the CPN(M) that the announcement of their action to disrupt the municipal elections "should by no means imply that our cadres have been instructed to abduct or kill those participating in the elections."

The Representative of the High Commissioner in Nepal, Mr. Ian Martin, had written to the CPN(M) leadership saying that threats to the life or physical integrity of individuals taking no active part in hostilities, or the taking of hostages, would be a grave violation of the principles of international humanitarian law and of international human rights standards.

Mr Martin said today: "OHCHR will of course continue to give the highest priority to monitoring the respect for these principles by both the CPN(M) and state actors."