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**Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal  
Visits Birgunj to Discuss Human Rights**

The Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Nepal, Lena Sundh, visited Birgunj on Saturday to see firsthand the situation in one of the towns of the Terai that witnessed human rights violations in recent weeks.

Ms. Sundh also participated in a meeting on human rights in the peace process that brought together political parties, the Madheshi People's Rights Forum, other civil society representatives and journalists. She congratulated the organisers of the meeting, and stressed the importance of different stakeholders entering into a dialogue at the local level. "Perceptions about what actually happened during the days of protest vary considerably, including what happened, why, how and under whose responsibility," she added.

"This is why it is so important that local authorities, representatives of political parties, the Madheshi People's Rights Forum, members of civil society—including human rights defenders and journalists—get together. This is also an important reason why there should be an impartial investigation into the deaths, injuries and destruction of property that have occurred since 19 January," said Ms. Sundh.

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