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**Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Kyung-wha Kang visits Nepalgunj**

UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Kyung-wha Kang visited Nepalgunj Thursday as part of her five-day trip to Nepal to see firsthand the activities of OHCHR-Nepal, the largest of the organization's field presences in the world, and to assess the human rights situation in the country.

The Deputy High Commissioner met with civil society organisations, lawyers and representatives of the Nepal Police in Nepalgunj regarding issues of gender and discrimination, the focus of her visit to the Mid Western Region. She learned about the case of Hasrun Idrisi, a woman who was allegedly attacked and burnt by family members over dowry issues.

OHCHR-Nepal has been monitoring and investigating cases of violence against women and advocating for justice for victims. It will continue to work on improving the observance of women's rights, as a priority.

The Deputy High Commissioner also visited the National Human Rights Commission's regional office, to discuss cooperation between the two organizations, and will meet with representatives of UNMIN.

**Biodata**

Kyung-wha Kang was appointed Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights in September 2006 and took up the position on 15 January 2007. Her appointment is at the level of Assistant Secretary-General.

Before joining the United Nations, Ms. Kang, a national of the Republic of Korea, was Director-General of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic. She also served as Minister at the Republic of Korea Mission to the United Nations in New York and chaired the Commission on the Status of Women for its forty-eighth session in 2004 and its forty-ninth session in 2005, which marked the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service in 1998, Ms. Kang worked for the National Parliament of the Republic of Korea, assisting the Speaker of the National Assembly on global issues in the fields of human rights, women's advancement and parliamentary diplomacy. During that time, she also served as the spokeswoman of the Korean Women's NGO Committee at the Beijing Conference in 1995. Earlier in her career, she worked for the Korean Broadcasting System, and lectured in universities both in Korea and the United States.