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**Banke killing restricts the freedom of all to participate in CA elections –  
OHCHR-Nepal**

NEPALGUNJ – The Mid-Western Regional Office of OHCHR-Nepal continues to investigate the killing on Tuesday 18 March of Kamal Prasad Adhikari, a candidate in the Constituent Assembly elections from the Rastriya Janamorcha party in constituency no. 2 of Banke district

Noting that the Nepal Police arrested two persons in the hours after the killing, OHCHR urges police to thoroughly investigate the incident, to identify those responsible, and to ensure that charges are filed promptly.

OHCHR notes that police personnel reportedly met Adhikari minutes before he was killed. The Office encourages the authorities to take all further steps necessary to ensure the security of candidates and all members of the population. This is essential to creating a free and fair environment for the elections process.

“My Office is deeply concerned by the killing of Kamal Prasad Adhikari. The murder of a candidate is the ultimate violation of an individual’s right to participation in the country’s political affairs, and restricts the freedom of all members of the population to take part in elections,” said Katia Chirizzi, Head of OHCHR-Nepal’s Mid-Western Regional Office. “OHCHR will continue monitoring the human rights environment throughout the region to help ensure full respect for the human rights of all.”