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**OHCHR-Nepal trains Central Region journalists on human rights and the CA**

JANAKPUR – OHCHR-Nepal, along with the Federation of Nepali Journalists (FNJ) and UNESCO, on Tuesday concluded a capacity-building programme for journalists on human rights and the Constituent Assembly (CA), in Lalgadh, Dhanusa district.

The programme was the second follow-up to a capacity-building session in March with print and broadcast journalists from seven districts of the Central Region, with a particular focus on the Terai. This week, 19 journalists, including 6 women, attended a 3-day programme, where OHCHR-Nepal outlined human rights issues in the CA and the media's essential role in ensuring full public participation in the CA process. An official from the CA Media Centre briefed participants about the Centre's work and heard suggestions about improving the flow of information to journalists, and a central member of the FNJ discussed the FNJ's strategy planning vis-à-vis reporting on the CA process.

This week's programme for journalists is the fourth to be conducted by OHCHR-Nepal and its partners in the Central and Eastern regions in 2008.

“I am pleased that OHCHR-Nepal and our partners were able to contribute to journalists' knowledge of the important human rights issues that will be discussed by the CA, and suggest tools they can use to improve reporting and increase the public's participation in the Constitution-writing process,” said Johan Olhagen, Head of OHCHR-Nepal's Central Region Office. “It was also important that they were able to convey to the CA Secretariat's Media Centre the difficulties they face, particularly being located outside Kathmandu.”

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