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**OHCHR and human rights organisations of Kapilvastu organise Human Rights Week**

**POKHARA** – OHCHR-Nepal’s Western Regional Office is supporting the human rights organisations of Kapilvastu District to organise a Human Rights Week in Taulihawa from 12 to 18 April. Authorities, civil society members and the general population are all invited to participate.

Celebrating the start of the Nepali New Year, Human Rights Week aims to raise awareness about various human rights issues and galvanise public opinion to advocate for an end to impunity and for the respect of all human rights for all persons.

Numerous events are being organized. Throughout the week there will be an exhibition at the Municipal hall in Taulihawa of photos taken inside Nepal’s prisons, showing conditions of detention. Documentary films focusing on issues related to human rights will be presented every afternoon at the same location. In addition, various activities are being organised daily, including a human rights rally, street dramas, debates, singing and poetry competitions, a human rights relay race, food and cultural shows, a photo exhibition on living conditions in areas which were affected by the Kapilvastu 2007 violence, and more.

“With this Human Rights Week we hope to increase awareness and knowledge of human rights in an area where tensions still need to be addressed and confidence built among the different communities, to avoid repetition of past incidents,” said Claudia Gomez Diaz, Head of OHCHR-Nepal’s Western Regional Office. “We are very pleased that the human rights organisations in Kapilvastu have actively participated in organising the programme, and we hope to have many participants from throughout Kapilvastu and neighboring districts.”