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## OHCHR-Nepal appeals to political actors to respect spirit of the peace process

OHCHR-Nepal is concerned that the growing number of acts of violence by political parties and affiliated groups, and subsequent threats of retaliation, could threaten the peace process.

The Office calls on the leaders of political parties and their affiliated bodies to ensure that their cadres respect the rights of other political parties to peacefully carry out their lawful activities. If incidents occur, all parties should advocate for respect for the rule of law. This includes cooperating with the Nepal Police to ensure that full investigations are carried out promptly and that those responsible are held accountable, rather than threatening or engaging in retaliation.

"I appeal to all leaders to ensure that their members refrain from violence and threatening speech, and respect the commitments made in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, including to respect human rights," said OHCHR-Nepal Representative Richard Bennett.

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