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United Nations in Nepal welcomes steps to investigate Church bombing

The United Nations in Nepal welcomes steps taken by authorities to investigate the bombing Saturday of a Church in the Kathmandu Valley in which two persons were killed and eight others were seriously injured. These steps include a prompt investigation by Nepal Police, a visit to the site by the (then) Prime Minister-designate, the creation by the Home Ministry of a probe committee to investigate the attack and an investigation by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

The United Nations offers its deepest condolences to the families of all of the victims. It condemns unequivocally the bombing of a place of worship, particularly at a time when the Church was known to be filled with people attending Mass.

The United Nations also welcomes public statements from various quarters, including the Government, civil society and the media, denouncing the bombing and urging full respect for the right of all persons to freedom of worship.

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