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**OHCHR cautions the Government and UCPN-M to exercise restraint in Kailali**

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In view of the violence that occurred during the recent eviction drive initiated by the District Forest Office in Dudhejhari forest area in Baliya VDC of Kailali district, OHCHR-Nepal strongly cautions the Government and the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) to exercise restraint and prevent the occurrence of further violence.

The Office is verifying into allegations of excessive use of force by security personnel during the eviction drive resulting in deaths of reportedly three individuals and attacks on security forces using traditional weapons such as axes, *khukuris* and *laathis* by the individuals resisting the eviction, causing the death of one police personnel. Forty-one civilians and nine police were also injured.

“Through our field presence, we have been monitoring the situation and interacting with actors on the ground to minimize the chances of further violence. I call on the national actors to exercise restraint and prevent any incidents, which could further aggravate the fragile situation in the region,” said Richard Bennett, Representative of OHCHR-Nepal.