



**EUROPEAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION
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EU Election Observation Mission Expresses Deep Concern Over Recent Deaths

Kathmandu, 9 April 2008 – The EU election observation mission is extremely troubled by the deaths of UML candidate Rishi Prasad Sharma in Surkhet and seven Maoist party members in Dang district yesterday.

“We have noted with deep concern the level of violence that has taken place during the electoral process and we are following the security situation very carefully,” said Chief Observer Jan Mulder. *“On the eve of this historic election, I call again on all those involved in the election to respect the fundamental right of every Nepali citizen to cast their vote on April 10 in a peaceful atmosphere without fear of intimidation or violence.”*

The EU Election Observation Mission passes its sincere condolences to the victims' families.

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