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United Nations Secretary General
UN Headquarters
New York

Your Excellency,

We, the three Former Commissioners of National Human Rights Commission of Nepal, are shocked by the recent measures the King's government is taking to suppress the people's peaceful demonstration facilitated by the Seven-party Alliance for the restoration of democracy and peace in Nepal.

We appreciate your Excellency's offer of the services of your good office for the restoration of democracy and peaceful resolution of the current political crisis.

You are well informed that after assumption of the executive power by the king in February 2005, the seven democratic political parties are in peaceful agitation for restoration of democracy. The government has been taking harsh measures like massive arrests of political leaders, declaring restricted zones for peaceful gatherings and imposing curfew time and again.

Recently, the demonstration has gained new momentum throughout the country specially, after 6 April 2006. The king's government has been taking extremely harsh measures to suppress the peaceful demonstrations and in the worst claiming lives.

Despite your Excellency's advice to the king **to take courageous steps to find a peaceful way out of the situation and avoid further bloodshed** through a statement on 13 April, the government has been taking further harsh measures to suppress the peaceful demonstrations. On 20 April the demonstrators were shot without early warning, number of persons were killed in the capital and thousands were injured all over the country in the pre-announced peaceful demonstrations.

The Seven Political Party Alliance had called for the peaceful demonstration at Kathmandu on April 20. But the king's government imposed curfew outside the ring road that surrounds Kathmandu valley from 2:00 a.m. till 8 p.m. on that day. The king's government restricted the movement of human rights defenders and monitors from OHCHR-Nepal, ICRC, National Human Rights Commission and Red Cross Society by denying the curfew pass.

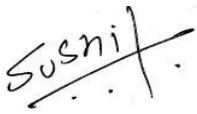
After the demonstrators were shot by the security forces, medical personnel and the ambulances were not allowed to rescue the victims. Thus, it is evident that the government was ready for the bloodshed in a planned way and it was a deliberate attempt of massacre.

Therefore, we take this repression as a crime against common people, which has not only undermined the UN conventions and treaties but also violated the provisions of the MOU signed between UNOHCHR and the government of Nepal in April 2005.

Through this statement, we urge your Excellency to take this case as a deliberate attempt of massacre by the regime and take it to the Security Council.

Anticipating your immediate response and thanking you.

Yours Sincerely,



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