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Press Statement

THRDA has received report that a person named Ranjan Mehata in Saptari district has been killed by gunshot of security forces and dozens of protesters associated with United Democratic Madhesi Front (UDMF) were injured by bullet firing from the security forces. According to the reports, six serious injured persons have been transferred to the BPKIHS, Dharan for treatment and other fifteen injured persons are getting treatment in the Rajbiraj Zonal Hospital. Among the six severely injured, Digambar Yadav died on the way to BPKIHS and Pitamber Mandal was declared dead in the Dharan Hospital as per the information received from Dr. Lal Kishor Singh.

The incident happened when the security forces opened fire to disperse the protestors of UDMF who were protesting the CPN-UML Mechi- Mahakali campaign (East-West tour). The Senior leader of CPN-UML including the Chairperson KP Sharma Oli and others were to address a public meeting in Maleth (Industrial Area Compound) of Saptari district. The UDMF had already announced that it will disrupt the program of CPN-UML. Heavy security forces were mobilized to control the confrontation between the UDMF and CPN-UML.

From the very beginning of the day, the cadres of UDMF protested in different parts of Saptari district. The senior leaders of CPN-UML and other supporters were escorted by heavy security forces of Nepal Police and Armed Police Force to the program venue of Saptari district Maleth (Industrial Area) from Inarua of Sunsari district. It is reported that the police protected the UML cadres from the protesters in different area where scuffles took place.

Reports suggests that the protestors were barred by security forces to reach to the place of UML from a long distance. Detailed report of the circumstances of the situation and numbers of deaths and injuries are yet to come. THRD Alliance Human Rights Monitors are closely monitoring the situation in the district.

THRD Alliance strongly condemns the killing of persons in Saptari district and urge the government to take restraint while using force. THRD Alliance also urges the political parties to take necessary measures to control the situation and take restraint from provocation. THRD Alliance also urges the government to make proper investigation of the incident and take all necessary actions against the culprits.

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