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New York, (September 20, 2007). The America-Nepal Friendship Society (ANFS) is shocked and saddened to hear of the senseless violence and inhumane killings of innocent people in Kapilvastu and other neighboring areas in Western Nepal. ANFS condemns the actions of all parties involved in these atrocities as gross violations of international human rights accords.

The killing of civilians is a crime against humanity. ANFS calls on all local parties, both governmental and civilian, to restrain from further violence and settle any differences through dialog and negotiation.

Resorting to violence to confront socio-economic, cultural and political differences is ineffective and a violation of basic human values. The only alternative is to seek a peaceful solution to the issues confronting Nepali society today. This will be in the best interest of all Nepalis and the nation. ANFS urges all Nepalis, be they elected officials, community leaders, or members of civil society to remain steadfast in their commitment to nonviolence as a means to build a more equitable society and restore harmony in Nepal.

ANFS offers its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families and communities of the victims and wishes them peace in this difficult time.

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