

EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO NEPAL

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## The Missions of the European Union based in Kathmandu (Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the EU Delegation to Nepal) together with the Missions of Norway and Switzerland have made the following statement:

"The Missions of the European Union based in Kathmandu (Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the EU Delegation to Nepal) together with the Missions of Norway and Switzerland strongly condemn the recent attack on Dalits at Pipariya VDC of Rautahat, in regard to their use of a temple. After the promulgation of the Caste-based Discrimination and Untouchability (offence and punishment) Act in May 2011, this event is a stark reminder that much effort is still needed to overcome the scourge of untouchability and identity-based discrimination. The above-mentioned Missions urge all government agencies and relevant stakeholders to implement the existing legislation and call upon all political parties and civil society to actively raise awareness of this law and promote social inclusion".

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