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CCA General Secretary's Statement on the ongoing unrest and violence in Nepal

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) expresses grave concern over the tragic loss of lives and escalating violence during the past two days as result of the ongoing Gen Z-led protests in Nepal. The social and political unrest, which erupted on 8 September, is rapidly threatening peace and the security of civilians across the nation. Reports of public outrage, the killing of over 22 people, and injuries to more than hundred people in clashes between police and anti-corruption protesters, as well as the setting fire to government buildings and former ministers' private residences, are deeply alarming and demand immediate attention.

We are disturbed by accounts of disproportionate use of force by security personnel in dealing with protestors. At the same time, we implore protestors to pursue their grievances through dialogue and other peaceful means, refraining from attacks on infrastructure or actions that endanger peace and security in the country. The ongoing destruction of government and private property only fuels chaos and deepens national instability.

CCA calls for accountability for all acts of violence and the rapid initiation of meaningful dialogue among all stakeholders, ensuring the safety, rights, and dignity of every citizen as the highest priority. Immediate de-escalation of tensions is critical.

We hope and pray for Nepal to quickly regain stability and harmony, for tensions to ease, and for the everyday life of its citizens to be restored safely and peacefully. We urgently appeal to all authorities to exercise maximum restraint, protect lives, and prevent further bloodshed.

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