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## Safeguard the Lives of the Cold Wave and Cold Snap Hit Persons

The National Human Rights Commission's serious attention has drawn to crippling of normal life and deaths due to cold wave across the country, mainly in the Tarai, high mountainous and the himalayan areas, over a period of past few days.

At least 24 persons have died of cold wave, snowfall and chilling cold in Humla, Jajarkot, Saptari, Siraha, Rautahat and Kapilvastu, among other districts, during its monitoring. People, particularly the flood victims as well as the quake victims living in the tents from long time, the dwellers in the Mushar dwelling highly disadvantaged groups, senior citizens, Child bearing mothers, children and patients who cannot afford warm clothes are more vulnerable have been hit the hardest by the cold snap, and local hospitals and health posts are having a tough time delivering curative services. Due to increased cold, with the effect of cough and cold, fever, pneumonia, asthma, cold diarrhea like sicknesses the life of the people has been crippling, the density of the sick persons has been increasing in the local health posts but the lack of medicine and the health workers sick people are deprived of treatment, people had even died of common cold, fever and cold diarrhoea due to the lack of essential drugs like paracetamol and other general medicines.

The Commission extremely draws the attention of the government of Nepal to protect the human rights of the citizens being alert on the effect of the lives ensuring reduction of vulnerability of the probable cold wave and chilling cold, to supply necessary drugs and deploy special team of health workers to the affected areas, besides distributing warm clothes and relief materials to the needy victims of the snowfall and the cold wave.

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