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Excessive Use of Force Entering into the Hospital is Condemnable

National Human Rights Commission draws its attention seriously towards the incident of injury of three medical doctors, one police personnel and some students and nurses in the confrontation between the police personnel who reached there to repatriate Dr. K. C. to Kathmandu and Dr. K. C. supporter health personnel and the medical students at Jumla-based Karnali Academy of Health Sciences where Dr. Govinda K. C. was staging fast –unto – death for past 20 days.

The NHRC is conducting monitoring the stated Jumla incident. Security personnel resorted to baton charge when supporters of Dr. Govinda K. C. tried to prevent Karnali Chief Minister Mahendra Bahadur Shahi, provincial Law Minister Naresh Bhandari and security personnel from airlifting Dr. K. C. to Kathmandu. Clashes at the hospital cause severely injured three doctors and one policeman, damage to the medical equipment and the hospital and the terrified condition of the patients undergoing treatment at the hospital are the received information by the Commission during monitoring. As soon as the Commission received the information of use of force at the hospital, the Commission issued an order to the Government of Nepal through home secretary instructing orally to immediately prevent use of force at the hospital.

Physical assault inside the hospital by the police and clashes damaging the building and medical equipment in the hospital are condemnable acts. The NHRC urges the government to provide free and effective treatment to doctors, students and police personnel injured in the incident and since violence and use of imbalance use of force cannot protect human rights so the Commission urges all concerned parties to find a resolution to the issues through negotiation and meaningful dialogue. The Commission draws attention of medical professionals to be aware towards the difficulties that could be caused by strike in the health like essential service sector while launching the programs of protest.

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