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Do not create obstruction in the free election campaign

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has expressed its serious attention over the growing attacks and obstruction during the election campaigns targeting the candidates and cadres as the day of the upcoming election of Provincial Assembly and the House of Representatives approaching near. In Rukum, Rolpa, Bhojpur, Myagdi, Sankhuwasabha, Gorkha districts and other various parts of the country where election candidates and cadres were constantly attacked with bullets and bombs.

While monitoring Commission received the facts that the acts such as threatening voters, showing black flags at candidates' residence and capturing their properties, creating obstruction for election campaign by the cadres of Nepal Communist Party (who is against the scheduled election) and confrontation among the political parties. Such activities show that people's right to take part in election with the fearless environment and candidates' right to free; fearless and peaceful campaign for election has been violated.

Fair, free and periodic election is synonymous to the democracy and human rights. To respect this is the duty of all the citizens. Such acts were repeated due to government's failure in the past to take action against those involved in violating the rights provided by the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as other international documents including the constitution of Nepal and other national documents.

Commission appeals to the concerning parties not to create obstruction in the right of every citizen to take part in election, not to create any kind of hindrances and to respect the human rights of the general people. Similarly, appeals to all the political parties to maintain restraint during election campaigns. Commission draws the attention of the Government of Nepal to ensure the right of the candidates to campaign in free and fearless environment and proper security arrangement to ensure people enjoy their right to vote.

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Secretary