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Parliamentary and provincial Elections Process Phase II Monitoring Concluded

National Human Rights Commission deployed its monitoring teams to ensure the human rights in all 45 districts where the second phase of elections took place today. The teams, including seven high-level monitoring units monitor the pre, during and post elections processes from the view point of human rights.

In accordance with the facts received by the monitoring teams bombs exploded in some districts including Dadeldhura, Nawalparasi, Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Bhaktapur, Gulmi, Sunsari, Salyan, Sangja, Dhankuta and some people injured in the Devchuli Village Council of the Eastern Nawalparasi district. In one of the polling centers of Mahadeva Village Council of Saptari district no vote was casted. Impoverished explosive devices found including in the Kanchanpur, Sarlahi, Makawanpur, bhaktapur districts and some people injured including in the Sarlahi, Bhaktapur, Kathmandu, Sangja districts. Security Personnel fired shots in the air to control the clashes in Sarlahi, Achham and Sangja districts. Vote casting process suspended due to the conflict elevated on the issue of unsigned ballot papers distributed in Mathura Ma. Vi. 'B' Polling center, Neta, Sandhikharka municipality – 5, Arghakhachi district.

Similarly, the polling process was halted for sometimes because of the ballot paper of Provincial Council was placed into the ballot box of the House of Representative in one of the polling centers of Sarawal village council, Western Nawalparasi district. Though senior citizens, persons with disabilities were in priority in the polling process, some of the polling stations were not disability friendly, incessant in deployment of the health workers in the election process, even election officials lacking proper poll orientation, some people being arrested on the basis of suspicion and political ideology, problem in finding the name from the serial number due to differences found in voter identification cards and the voter checklist in some of the polling centers and voter education had remained ineffective in almost all the districts.

Election process was held with encouraging participation of women, senior citizens and differently-abled people. Despite a few cases of bomb blasts, sudden cold and precipitation in some of the districts, voters were encouraged to use their voting rights.

The Commission draws the attention of the authorities concerned to improve voter education campaigns and manage polling booths properly in the future.

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