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Completion of Local Level Third Phase Election Monitoring

Enthusiastic Participation of Voters

National Human Rights Commission, Nepal has monitored the whole process of third phase local level election which is completed today. Commission altogether deployed 10 teams including 2 high level teams in the participation of the members and Secretary, 8 teams in the participations of officers in the 8 districts of province no. 2 for guaranteeing the free, fair and fearless environment.

In accordance with the facts collected during monitoring, pooling process was continuous though there was simple confrontation in Saptari and Rautahat districts. Though, all most all the pooling centers in the province no. 2 from the perspective of security are said to be highly sensitive, whole pooling process was very enthusiastically and peacefully completed. In the pooling process, Voters in the queue seemed to be very enthusiastic to cast their votes from the early morning, and women, senior citizens, differently able people and others in huge number participated in the voting.

Because of the deployment of the health workers in the election process, there was negative impact in the service delivery of district hospitals and other health centers, negative effect upon the right to secret ballot due to the presence of the security forces standing nearby the vote casting room in some of the election centers. Likewise in the previous phases of local elections, voters' education, voters identification cards, identification cards to the representatives of different political parties and the managements of voting centers are the some of the lapses found during monitoring.

Therefore, NHRC urges the government of Nepal to pay attention to the subjects like voters' education, voters' identification cards, identification cards to the representatives of different political parties, remarkably improve the condition and the well manage voting centers. NHRC also urges not to deploy the health workers to the election process by closing down the health like emergency services in the next election.

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