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## Commission's Concern over Increased Rape, Murder Including VAW

The National Human Rights Commission draws its attention towards increasing cases of rape, murder after gang rape and violence against women (VAW). The Commission expresses its concern over the failure to bring to the justice system to the accused of such heinous crimes.

Violence victim women and girls are likely to be deprived from justice due to lack of effective investigation and prosecution on behalf of the victims of heinous crimes like rape and murder is likely to weaken the legal side of such cases, increase possibility of dismissing evidences, force the victims and their kin to reconcile with perpetrators due to fear of social boycott and deprive the victim of justice, non-assurance of victim protection,. The Constitution of Nepal penalizes the sexual violence as per the law and provisions that a victim of crime shall have the right to justice and compensation in accordance with law.

A recent study conducted by NHRCN on the major challenges of human rights had showed that VAW was among the key problems in the country. Therefore, the Commission has been closely inspecting the role of Nepal Police in minimizing VAW and upholding human rights. Meanwhile, the Commission, in coordination with Nepal Police, is planning to organize programs for women's human rights protection and promotion in all seven provinces and Kathmandu to enhance the accountability of police including in other incidents as well as rape, murder and violence against women.

Therefore, the Commission urges the government of Nepal to make the registration of complaints, investigation, evidence collection and prosecution effective, to respect and protect individual's human rights as well as to increase and cause to increase access to justice for all the girls and women of the violence victims.

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