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Ensure Strong Security Arrangement

National Human Rights Commission draws serious attention towards the incidents of candidates and dozens of people injured in an explosion of bomb in various districts including Terhathum, Syangja, Sarlahi, Palpa, Dadeldhura, Kailali and the Capital targeting the candidates and political parties' programs while approaching election of the House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly second phase days near. Monitoring teams of the Commission has been deployed to take stock of the condition of those who were injured in bomb attacks.

The spate of attacks with an improvised explosive device targeting the election campaigns and candidates of the political parties show the fragile security arrangement. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966, including all the conventions in which Nepal is a party, the Constitution of Nepal and other laws as well as directives issued by the Election Commission and provisions relating to holding of elections in peaceful and fear-free manner are not being implemented effectively.

The Commission expresses deep sorrow condemning towards the inhuman incidents in which the candidates including general people injured. The failure to identify attackers in the face of increased incidents of bomb attacks had increased challenges to poll security. The Commission requests the Government of Nepal to identify the offender involved for legal action, not to arrest innocent citizens on any ideology and to manage the free and effective treatment to the injured people. In the context of the election, some arrests were being made on the basis of people's past political association or mere suspicion, the NHRC urges the government to carry out its duty in a responsible manner.

The Commission urges the government and all concerned parties to ensure environment conducive for holding elections in independent, impartial and fear-free manner through effective security management and the right to be elected in fear-free environment as well as to respect the inalienable right of the citizens to elect own representatives.

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