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NHRC urges immediate transfer of inmates to safe place

The National Human Rights Commission has conducted on-site monitoring on risky life of inmates serving their term in district prison of Khotang due to the damage caused to the prison building by the recent landslide. The building accommodated with the female inmates already had cracks while heavy rainfall on July 31st July swept away the poles of main prison building and two security posts, few portions of the prison, drainage and has also caused cracks on the walls of the female ward of the prison. The monitoring has also found that safety tank of the prison has been damaged and both sides of the tank and shrunk by 9-10 meter. The prison building accommodated with 94 male, 24 female inmates and 5 dependent children has been completely damaged.

Similarly, there has been health problem and the children have fallen sick as because the toilet and the kitchen are built side by side. The monitoring has found that necessary health treatment and medicines have not been made available and the health condition of the inmates was found deteriorating due to the contaminated water and rotten rice.

Following the prison monitoring, the recommendations on the prison improvement had been forwarded on July 12, 2015 and it is unfortunate that the recommendations as such have not been implemented yet. The Commission has written to the Ministry of Home Affairs urging to shift the inmates of Khotang district prison to a safe place.

The inmates of Khotang district prison have been deprived of the constitutionally provisioned right to life and right to health and therefore the Commission would like to draw the attention of the Government to shift the inmates to a safe place in order to evade further risk of crisis in their right to live in protected way. The Commission also urges to show sensitiveness towards the situation and make appropriate arrangement of necessary equipment other materials in order to avoid the loss of human due to the natural disaster.

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