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### Political parties urged not to misuse children for political interest

NHRC monitoring has found that political parties and their party wings have been deliberately using children in their political programs including protest program and demonstration. The Commission urges the political parties to immediately stop using children in their programs for political interest. The act as such is outright against the Article 28 of International Convention on the Rights of Child -1989 and the Article 39 of the Constitution of Nepal. This has violated the children's right to receive education and their right to freedom.

In the context of the commitment expressed by the Government to declare children as the zone of peace and the commitment of political parties to ensure the rights of child in their election manifesto, it is unfortunate that children are misused as opposed to the commitments as such.

The Commission, therefore, urges the political parties to look through the lens of a child while organizing the political programs, to pave ways for unhindered teaching learning process and to adopt alternative measures instead of school buses being used for party meetings thereby causing the closure of the schools. The Commission is also seriously concerned over arson by specially targeting the school buses.

The Commission urges to book the accused involved in the incident and take legal action as per law. At the same time, the Commission would like to draw the attention of all the political parties and their party wings to be responsible to fully implement their commitment to declare the school as a zone of peace in practical term and avoid or cause avoid repercussion of such activities in future.

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