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## Commission Worries towards the Increased Sexual Violence and Rape Cases

National Human Rights Commission draws serious attention towards increased incidents of sexual violence and rape cases day by day in this moment.

From the last December onwards only, around two dozens of women and girls have been victimized from the sexual violence and rape cases according to the reports in the media as well as the information received by the Commission itself through monitoring. The Constitution of Nepal states that act of sexual violence is punishable by law, and the victim shall have the right to obtain compensation in accordance with law. But in fact, victims are deprived from justice because gang rape cases are being negotiated bestowing social and familial fear, threat and monetary greed, and perpetrators of rape like heinous violation of human rights are not being punished efficiently. Right to privacy of the victims seems to be seriously affected because some of the mass media have been publishing the news with the identifiable picture of the victims. The Commission requests the concerned agencies to be sensitive and publish news being aware to this fact. There is also increased tendency of placing the picture of victims of rape and other types of violence in the social media, the Commission appeals to the concerned party to be aware of the probable effect to the victims.

The Commission especially appeals to the Local Administration, Nepal Police and the District Attorney offices to be sensitive while forwarding the judicial proceeding and dispensing justice to the violence affected women.

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