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Ensure Freedom of Expression Context: World Press Freedom Day

National Human Rights Commission draws serious attention towards the situation of not taking prompt legal action to the involved culprits of murder, disappearance, attack and threat to the journalists, who writes in favor of freedom of expression which is the foundation of democracy.

NHRCN had already recommended to the government of Nepal on the incidents like murder, disappearance and illegal detention of journalists during armed conflict. While seeing the data of two decades, more than two dozen journalists are murdered but very rare cases have been registered to the courts. Threat and arbitrary arrest have still not stopped. Every democratic government has the obligation to respect and protect the freedom of expression and right to information. Article 27 of the Constitution of Nepal mentioned that every citizen shall have the right to demand and receive information on any matter of his or her interest or of public interest.

Similarly, National Human Rights Commission draws serious attention towards the incident of physical assault to the media personnel Dhruv Bhattarai and Sunam Suskera who were clicking photos by Senior Superintendent of Police Dibesh Lohani, who was sent to judicial custody on 33 KG gold smuggling case on 2nd May, 2018.

The Commission urges the government to ensure the free and fearless environment to practice journalism and to respect the right to information of every citizen.

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