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## Take Legal Action to the Guilty Persons Involved in the Physical Assault

National Human Rights Commission draws its serious attention towards the incident of physical assault on Radha Chaudhary of Kailali district on 8 March, 2018. She was physically assaulted on the allegation of practising witchcraft. It is a brutal, inhuman and horrible act to assault an eighteen years girl physically continuously and mercilessly for six hours in front of a huge gathering of people.

The Commission has carried out the monitoring of the place of incident as well as the victim injured by the physical assault at the Seti Zonal Hospital in Dhangadi, where she is admitted for treatment. In accordance with the information received through monitoring, that the victim's health has been improving, while perpetrators and their cronies had been warning the victim's family against filing a case anywhere so that victim family is being mentally terrified. The Commission draws attention to the concerned Local Police Administration to identify and take into legal action to the persons threatening the victim's family against filing a case, to ensure the proper security of victim's family. Similarly, the Commission appeals to report the legal action that has been taken.

The Constitution of Nepal has restricted torture and exploitation. The Witchcraft (Offence and Punishment) Act 2015 provisioned the punishment to the perpetrators imposing physical and the mental torture accusing witchcraft.

So, the Commission requests the concerned agencies to take action against those involved in physical assault and ensure free treatment for the victim.

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