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Ensure the right to life of all including children

LALITPUR: The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn to the incident of the death of 4 year old Chandan Patel and 13 year old Ranjana Chhetri among four persons including Binod Kumar Lakaul and Raj Kumar during a clash between security force and agitating party in Bethari of Rupandehi district on September 15, 2015.

The NHRC monitoring has found that four persons including two children have been killed when police opened fire during the clash escalated between the Joint Democratic Front cadres and security force at Bethari Chok. The security force was escorting a truck from the industrial area located at Lumbini Corridor.

Expressing grief over the death of the deceased, the commission has concluded that the right to life of those killed has been violated. The monitoring teams deployed by the NHRC Central Office and Sub-Regional Office Butwal have obtained the information about the injured in the incident at Bhairahwa hospital the same night of the incident.

It is learnt through the monitoring that 5 general citizens, 17 personnel of Nepal Police and 3 personnel of Armed Police Force have sustained injury in the incident. The right to life of innocent children, who were not involved in the incident in any way, was violated due to the police firing.

Apparently, the security agencies do not appear to be sensitive towards the norms of human rights as they have ignored the suggestions and recommendations put forth repeatedly by the commission about methods to control such incidents. Likewise, it is very unfortunate that innocent children have met death due to the bullet shots by the police in public place. Such an incident is utterly against Universal Declaration of Human Rights-1948, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights- 1966 and the United National Convention on the Rights of the Child - 1989.

The Commission, therefore, urges the government to probe into the incident, to drag the accused to justice, to provide appropriate relief and compensation to the families of the deceased and to make arrangement of free treatment to the general people and the security personnel injured in the incident. Similarly, the commission also urges the agitating parties to make their protest program peaceful.

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