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Commission concerned on Police Attack on 14 year old, asks Probe

LALITPUR: The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn to the incident of attack on Dinesh Kumar Sah, 14 year old minor by the police in Janakpur of Dhanusha district during the clash escalated between the police and demonstrators amid the public opinion collection process on the draft constitution.

A monitoring team led by Commissioner/Spokesperson Mohna Ansari, while on monitoring in Dhanusha and Rautahat, held interaction with local political parties, civil society members, rights defenders, police administration, protestors, media and public separately and concluded that the brutal attack on 14 year old minor with excessive force used by the police was the downright violation of human rights.

The Commission urges the government to take the responsibility to arrange for effective treatment of injured Dinesh Sah undergoing treatment at Neuro Hospital, Biratnagar, provide all expenses incurred during his treatment, institute probe into the incident and book the accused involved in the incident.

The monitoring has found that the security force has irrationally used excessive force on the children. It is illegal to beat up people who are not involved in the attack. The monitoring has found that the protestors' activities were also not found peaceful and dignified with regard to the incident. The incident was learnt to have escalated following the police intervened the peaceful protect program.

Despite the fact that the use of children in protest program, demonstration and assembly is prohibited, maximum children were found used in the protest program during the public opinion collection process in those districts. The protesting parties, groups, guardians and security force altogether were found to have alienated themselves from the obligation to protect the rights to life, physical and mental health of the children.

It indeed is inevitable for the government to issue directives to the security agency to be on high alert to evade repercussion of such event in future. It is also the fundamental rights of the people to have access to provide their opinion freely on the draft constitution through public opinion process.

Since it is against the principles of human rights to cause obstruction through arson and vandalism while utilizing the fundamental rights of the people, the Commission urges all the concerned to be on the alert towards this.

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