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Concern expressed on the Police Raid on Budhathoki's House

The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn to forceful police raid on the house of Gopal Budhatjhoki, the editor of Sanghu Weekly based on a report punished in it. The family members of Budhathoki were learned to have been panicked and inflicted with mental torture by the police administration during house raid.

It is illegal to arrest someone merely on the basis of the news published and it is against the press freedom, norms and values of constitution and democratic culture.

The Commission, therefore, reminds the Police Administration including the Government to not to misuse law and jurisdiction to make or cause to make the matters of personal character public under such circumstances.

Since the step taken against editor Budhathoki is an outright disrespect to personal protection, privacy, and human dignity of a person, the Commission would like to draw the attention of all the concerned authorities towards this.

In this regard, the Commission has written to Nepal Police today demanding information in written.

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