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Government urged to ensure the rights of victims

LALITPUR: The National Human Rights Commission has urged the government to solve the longstanding problems of flood victims of Banke, Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur. A monitoring team led by Commissioners Mohna Ansari and Govinda Sharma Paudyal has found that life across the flood affected areas has been hit hard with the high risk emerged in shelter, livelihood including right to life of citizens.

Despite the fact that 28 commissions were formed in the past with regard to the rehabilitation of the citizens currently settled in Bendadi after the expansion of Suklaphata Wild Life Conservation in Kanchanpur, no appropriate arrangement has been made so far drawing the serious attention of the Commission towards the situation.

The serious attention of the Commission has been drawn to critical situation in which Bhujela VDCs of wards 11, 12 and 13 of Bhimdatta Municipality of Kanchanpur have been submerged due to the deluge in Mahalaki river and the close by areas in three kilometers between Bichfate of ward-1 and Baishbich VDC have been submerged due to the swelling Doda river subsequently causing erosion at the back. Commission has, therefore, urged the government to find the immediate solution and construct permanent embankment at these places.

The Commission has also drawn the attention of the government to immediately shift the human settlement of Thapaur VDC including those of nearby places of Kanchanpur to a safer place in order to evade the possible risk of submerge. Earlier, the Commission had issued directives to the concerned authorities and stakeholders to establish the checkpoints at other bordering areas of Kailali as well since the temporary checkpoints are found based only along the bordering area of Dhangadhi to intercept the possible human trafficking.

Meanwhile, the monitoring has found that three Nepalese nationals of Jamuni VDC of Futaha, Bardiya have been detained by the Indian Forest Department at Motipur Police station of Bahariach district and no efforts were found stepped up for the release of those people. The Commission, therefore, urges the local administration to make an initiative for the release of those detained in the Indian soil.

VDCs including Fattepur, Holiya, Bathani, Gangapur, Bankati and Maehiya VDCs of Banke district have been at high risk of submerge due to the construction of Kalkalwa Marginal embankment by the Indian Government in 1999. Sixty thousand residents of 12340 households of those areas have been directly affected from this, as per the monitoring. The Commission also would like to draw the attention of the government to immediately build the permanent embankment by using skilled technicians and high level technology since the under-construction embankment along Rapti river has been found erected with mere bamboos and shafts.

The victims of disastrous flood that submerged the areas have been found still taking shelters at schools, tarpaulin made shelter and even in forest area. The monitoring has found that the victims living in temporary shelters have been affected from deprivation of education, malnutrition and health related problems. Similarly, since the wild animals have been found entering openly into the bordering areas of Nepal causing human casualties and destruction of seasonal harvests, the Commission urges the government to make an arrangement for the protection of the citizens' life including appropriate relief and compensation.

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