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NHRC urges to end the burgeoning discriminatory mentality

A high level monitoring team comprising the Chairperson, Commissioners and Secretary has monitored the obstruction and its impact left on the general people along the border check points in Bara and Parsa districts during the Madhesh agitation launched by the Madhesh centric parties.

During the monitoring, the team held discussion with the leaders of the Smayukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha (SLMM) and its cadres, human rights workers, chiefs of district and regional administration, chiefs of security agencies. The team also conducted on-the-spot monitoring related to the incidents of arson and killing and held interactive discussion with the family members of the victims.

It is unfortunate that about 5 dozen protestors, children and security personnel have lost their lives while hundreds of them have sustained injury during the agitation following the discontent expressed by the Madhesh centric leaders over the provisions laid out in new constitution. Though the protest programs were said to have been peaceful in manner, it is unfortunate that hundreds of people were killed while many of them got incapacitated. Hundreds of vehicles, offices of political parties and both public and private properties including the houses of individuals were vandalized due the proposed agitation being violent in spite of claiming it to be of peaceful in nature. This has heaved further challenges before peace and security as well as human rights.

It has been found that the daily life of people across the country including those of Tarai Madhesh area has been crippled and the basic human rights has been discarded due to the prolonged agitation causing irreparable loss of human and properties and the blockade at the border checkpoints.

The Commission, therefore, urges the SLMM party, Nepal Government, and the major political parties to immediately spearhead to end burgeoning discriminatory mentality in Tarai Madhesh area, to be sensitive towards the right to life and immediately reach to the conclusion through dialogue and consensus to develop respect for dignity and equality.

Similarly, the Commission urges the government to make an arrangement for free treatment to the injured and necessary compensation to the families of victims who lost their lives during the agitation, to commence effective investigation to take action against security personnel accrued of criminal offenses.

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