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Concern expressed on longstanding Godar Case with Guilty still unpunished, will be blacklisted as HR Violators if not punished

LALITPUR: The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn to the government's apathy to take action against the accused involved in killing of five abducted youths of Dhanusha district even after the identity of the accused is known. It is unfortunate that even after the 12th death anniversary of the youths Saniv Kumar Karn, Durgesh Labh, Jitendra Jha, Pramod Narayan Mandal and Sailendra Kumar Yadav drawing closer, no action has been taken against the accused.

The youths were arrested and killed by the then security force on October 8, 2003. The Commission had indentified the guilty upon conducting investigation on the incident. The Commission had then recommended the Nepal Government on January 29, 2008 to take action against the accused and yet the action remains acutely delayed which is the height of impunity.

Upon finding the government turning its deaf ear to collect the evidences related to incident as per the recommendation, a team of experts was assigned by the Commission to exhume the dead bodies suspected to have been buried at the bank of Kamala River situated at Tallo Godar of Dhanusha district in the months of August, 2010 and February, 2011. The exhumed human remains from the above burial site were thereafter identified after they were examined scientifically and handed over to the concerned families of the victims on July 23, 2014 followed by the last rites performed as per their traditions.

The Commission had recommended to the Government of Nepal (GoN) for legal action against erstwhile Senior Superintendent of Police Chuda Bahadur Shrestha, former IGP Kuber Singh Rana, Major Anup Adhikari of Dharapani Army Barrack, and the Chief District Officer of Dhanusha District Rewati Raj Kafle upon confirming their alleged involvement in the incident of extra judicial killing on the basis of the investigation conducted by the NHRC but the accused haven't been brought to legal justice which is against the NHRC recommendations and constitutional provision. The Commission concludes that obliviousness of the government to advance the legal process with regard to war-era incident has seriously thrust aside the victims' right to receive justice .

The Commission, therefore, urges to take action against the guilty before initiating the process to enlist the names of the officials involved in turning a deaf ear to advance the process of taking legal action against the guilty whose identities have been known as per the part (h) of sub section 2 of Article 132 of the Interim Constitution of Nepal, 2007.

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