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Spare Children from using them in Protest Program, comply with Law

LALITPUR: The serious attention of the Commission has been drawn to the incident of the use of children in bandh and protest rally against the demarcation of proposed federal states in various districts of the nation including Jumla.

The use of children in a protest program in half-nude condition in Jumla in pursuit of autonomous Karnali region on August 15, 2015 is utterly against the rights of child.

Though the children are prohibited to use in stage-in program, demonstration including assemblies, the use of innocent children in such events has been on the rise in recent days. The use of children of tender age in protest programs and writing slogans on their half-nude body is against the rights of child and thus the Commission urges the Bandh enforcers not use the children in the protest program of any sort.

The Commission would also like to draw the attention of all the concerned to ensure the rights of child keeping in mind the risk due to the use of children in bandh and protest program. It is indeed unfortunate to use innocent children to fulfill the political interest. The Commission urges all the concerned to ensure not to use the children in anyway and create the environment for smooth teaching and learning process at schools.

The rampant use of children in rallies by ignoring the perspective that the children are the zone of peace is condemnable act. The Commission draws the attention the government to take necessary action against the individuals using children in the events like bandh and protest rallies under any pretext. The use of children in the events like bandh and protest program is against the **Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC) and Children Act, 2048 (1992)**.

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