

### **NHRC Resumes Exhumation in Janakpur, February 13, 2011**

Press Release The Commission has resumed the exhumation of the dead body at the bank of Kamala river in Godar VDC- 3, Dhanusha district of Janakpur. The exhumation, which is estimated to take one week, is underway following the internationally recommended standard and procedures with the assistance extended from the local administration and Nepal police. In this regard, the exhumation team comprising of national and international experts, held an interaction in Janakpur with various stakeholders including local administration, civil society members, journalists, human rights activists and the victims' families. After a complaint was lodged at the Commission with regard to the disappearance of Sanjeev Kumar Karn, Durgesh Laav, Jitendra Jha, Pramod Narayan Mandal and Shailendra Yadav, the investigation led by NHRC unveiled the fact that the victims were found buried at the bank of Kamala river in Godar VDC of Dhanusha district after they were executed by the security forces in October 2003. Launching necessary enquiry over the complaint, the Commission had decided on August 12, 2010 to exhume the viscera in order to advance the investigation process. The human remains of four out of five bodies were unearthed during the last exhumation performed in Sept 6-18, 2006. The investigation of the human remains is underway in the University of Helsinki (Finland) and National Forensic Laboratory of Nepal. The exhumation team comprises of forensic experts Dr. Udo Kenjer ( Germany) and Dr Harihar Wosti ( Nepal ) including the archeology and forensic science experts and NHRC officials. Bishal Khanal Secretary