NHRC Shocked Murder of Women Journalist Singh, Jan 12, 2009

Press Release

NHRC Nepal is shocked due to the killing of journalist Uma Sing on January 11 in an attack with sharp weapons inside her rented room by unidentified armed groups. National Human Rights Commission deplores this sort of brutal and fear-provoking activity. NHRC contact office based in Janakpur has initiated the investigation already; and, a high level mission will be deployed tomorrow to explore the fact of the incident.

Despite the recurring attention made by NHRC to the concerned authority and security officials including the Home Minister for maintaining peace and security, the activities of serial violence are continue. This incident of killing has further proved the fragile security situation of Janakpur and surrounding. NHRC has noticed another attempt to attack with life threat to Monika Jha, another woman journalist affiliated to Kantipur national daily. NHRC Nepal opines that such incidents over journalists have undervalued the right to freedom of expression of every citizen.

NHRC urges Nepal Government to identify the culprits of the incident and prosecute as per the law as soon as possible, and to guarantee the security of all sorts of HR defenders including journalists. In addition, NHRC urges the Government to create a conducive and peaceful environment to work independently.

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