

NHRC urges to check violence against women

Press Release

National Human Rights Commission has summoned the home secretary Umesh Kant Mainali and the Inspector General of Police Om Bikram Rana at the Commission and issued the directives to initiate effective measures to curb the recent increase in the incidents of violence against women. Also, generally, the detainees are brought to the notice through media without the evidences to prove the conviction being uncovered during the investigation resulting in the violation of human rights. The Commission, therefore, has issued the directive to stop this trend immediately.

In recent days, the incidents of violence against women have been alarmingly increasing and a number of complaints related to such incidents are registered at the Commission. The incidents include the cases of severe torture against women by their own husbands and other members of the family including beating and parading them naked on accusation of witchcraft, burning them alive by sprinkling kerosene over their body, murder, dowry related violence, rape and other inhuman behavior.

In the context of Nepal being a signatory to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, 1979 / CEDAW, the increase in the incidents of violation against women is a gross violation of human rights. During the discussion program, the discussion was held with regard to the efforts made so far and the steps that could be taken from the side of Home Ministry and Nepal Police for the control of the incidents of violation against women. Similarly, home secretary Mainali informed that the Home Ministry would issue a directive to the district administration offices of all the districts across the country to conduct the awareness raising program related to the violation against women. Likewise, the IGP Rana expressed commitment that the Nepal Police would be further active to take prompt action against the individuals involved in violence.

In the program, honorable chairperson Kedarnath Upadhyay, honorable member commissioners Ram Nagina Singh, Gauri Pradhan, Dr. Leela Pathak, Dr. KB Rokaya, Secretary Bishal Khanal including the office bearers of the Commission were present.

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