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End Impunity

Immediate action urged against the accused of Godar Incident

It has been almost 13 years now since the Godar incident in which five youths of Dhanusha district Sanjeev Kumar Karn, Durgesh Labh, Jeetendra Jha, Pramod Narayan Mandal and Sailesh Kumar Yadav had disappeared after the security force arrested them on October 8, 2003. Two years have been completed today since the human remains of all five dead bodies were handed over to the concerned family members after their anthropological (DNA) test following the exhumation conducted by Nepal Police at the bank of Kamala river at the initiative of the Commission.

With regard to this incident, the Commission has already recommended to the Government of Nepal (GoN) for the legal action against erstwhile Senior Superintendent of Police Chuda Bahadur Shrestha, Superintendent of Police 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 human rights violations including extra judicial killing on the basis of the investigation conducted by the NHRC.

Dilly dallying in advancing the legal action against the accused of the incident even after scientifically confirmed DNA test result has confounded the victim's right to receive justice. This indeed encourages the state of impunity and exhibits demoralizing notion of the Government towards its obligation to respect human rights. It is the responsibility of the Government to implement the recommendations of the Commission as per the Constitution of Nepal, National Human Rights Act and the decision of honorable Supreme Court. It is also one of the significant undertakings of transitional justice to take action against the accused of serious human rights violation as such.

Government appears to be utterly grim towards the respect and protection of human rights for the reason that the process of taking legal action against the accused of gross violation of human rights has remained dormant for a long time now.

The Commission, therefore, once again urges Nepal Government to ensure the early delivery of justice to all the victims of human rights.

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