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### Press Note

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### **Monitoring on the Human Rights Situation in Eastern Region**

**BIRATNAGAR:** An NHRC high level team has organized an interaction program and surprise monitoring on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Human Rights, Press Freedom and over all human rights situation in Taplejung, Panchthar, Ilam, Jhapa and Morang districts.

The team held discussions with the central members of the Federation of Nepalese Journalists (FNJ) including the chairs of ten different districts of the east, local police administration, human rights defenders, representatives of the civil society and civil servants associated with the health and education sectors.

The program brought into light that problems of casteism, domestic violence, rape, child labor, administration of justice, education, health, rights of indigenous communities, consumer rights, erosion in the family and social relationship owing to foreign employment are alarmingly on the rise.

The Commission team issued directives to the concerned authorities for surprise monitoring in the district hospital of Ilam following the concern raised in the discussion. Similarly, the team has observed the pillar of memory erected in the name of 22 victims of disappearance during the armed conflict in Jhapa district.

Since the respect of human rights is only possible with the rule of law sustained, the team also issued the directive to the concerned district officials of the Government of Nepal to remain active and alert towards this issue.

Furthermore, the Commission has appealed to the concerned parties to resolve the problems related to the rights of the indigenous people through dialogues and consensus.

The high level monitoring team comprised of the NHRC Acting Secretary Bed Prasad Bhattarai and the Regional Director of the NHRC Eastern Regional Office, Biratnagar, Kosh Raj Neupane.

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