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Press Note

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Surprise Inspection of the Hanumandhoka Detention Center

Directives issued to improve the Sorry State of the Center

KATHMANDU: The NHRC team comprising the newly appointed Members including Prakash Osti, Govinda Sharma Paudyal and other officials inspected the physical condition of the detention centre, barracks and canteens at Metropolitan Police Range, Hanumandhoka.

Upon inspection, the Members duo have drawn the attention of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Prison Management, Nepal Police Headquarters and Kathmandu Metropolitan City towards the extremely pitiable physical conditions of the detention center and issued directives to the authorities to explore options to relocate it.

Similarly, the NHRC officials also directed the officials of the concerned authority to improve the infrastructure of the detention centre, adopt scientific approach in crime investigation and to be sensitive about human rights of the detainees.

Talking to the monitoring team, Metropolitan Police Range, Hanumandhoka in-Charge SSP Uttam Kumar Karkee and Chief of Metropolitan Police Crime Division SSP Pushkar Karki said they were aware and sensitive towards human rights of the detainees. They also expressed their commitment towards the protection and promotion of human rights.

Section 4(a) of the National Human Rights Commission Act – 2012 has empowered the Commission to conduct inspection and monitoring of prisons, other agencies of the Government of Nepal, public institutions or any other place for the protection of human rights, and to provide necessary directives to the agency concerned with regard to the improvement to be made in such agencies, institutions or places for the protection of human rights.

Likewise, Article-132 of the Interim Constitution of Nepal-2007 has empowered the NHRC with such mandates.

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