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### **NHRC Urges Fair Probe into the Incident of Attack on Dalits**

Lalitpur : The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has been drawn to the attack on Dalits community at Pipariya VDC of Dostiya – 8, Rautahat district. The victims were learnt have been attacked by the so-called high- caste for entering into the local Bhagawati temple.

Nepal state has long been recognized as the untouchability free nation. Despite the fact that the Interim Constitution of Nepal – 2007 and the ‘Racial Discrimination and Untouchability (Punishment and Act)’-2068 have considered discrimination made against any citizen on the basis of caste as punishable crime, it is saddening to witness such abuses perpetrated on the Dalit Community.

In this connection, the NHRC has met with the Chief District Officer, local security agency, civil society and obtained the information about the incident. Simultaneously, the monitoring team from the NHRC Central Office and Regional Office has been deployed in the incident area.

The NHRC, therefore, urges the government to conduct a fair probe into the incident and provide compensation to the victims and their families, provide free treatment to those injured and manage resettlement of those displaced.

Similar, the NHRC asks the Government and all the concerned stakeholder parties to provide justice to the victims by bringing the perpetrators to book on the basis of truth, and maintain peace and harmony in society with proper arrangement of law and order .

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