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NHRC expresses concern over the escalation of election related violence: urges to respect human rights

The serious attention of the office of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn to the escalation of violent incidents of clashes, obstruction caused to the poll campaigns, vandalizing of the vehicles used by the candidate for election canvassing ahead of the CA election in various parts of the country

It is the fundamental right of the people to follow the political ideology with firm conviction. Despite this, the incidents as such have obstructed the election related activities in parts of the country. It is indeed refutable through human rights perspectives. The monitoring conducted by the Office of the Commission has found that political parties themselves are involved in such activities. This has impeded the citizens' right to participate in political process of the country. The Commission, therefore, urges all concerned to stop such activities that ruin the rights of the citizens to right to vote and right to be elected in peaceful and fair environment.

The Commission urges the Government of Nepal, political parties including all concerned stakeholders to make arrangement of peace and security ensuring the environment conducive for all the political parties to conduct their election campaigns and the citizens' right to vote.

Though the individuals and the political parties have the right to support or evade the election process, it is regretful that such a move is made violent and destructive following the declaration of 'prohibited district for poll campaigns.' Such a move won't yield any better but deprive unduly the citizen's right to vote independently and elect their leaders through election.

The Commission reiterates its appeal to the CPN-Maoist Party and Federal Limbuwan State Council including all the parties to respect the right of citizens to elect their representatives through adult franchise. Similarly, the Commission urges the Government of Nepal to refrain from highhandedness while taking action on the cadres of the parties boycotting the election but to treat them in human rights friendly manner.

Lastly, the Commission urges all the parties to find the solution to every problem through dialogues and consensus and respect the rights of citizens to elect their representatives through election.

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