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NHRC expresses Concern over Gaur Incidents

The National Human Rights Commission has conducted monitoring on the protest program organized in Gaur following the expansion of the service centers under the purview of the government offices in Rautahat district.

It is found through the monitoring that the police have allegedly entered into the house of local residents and thrashed them, the media persons deployed to collect the news and human rights workers involved in monitoring have endured unprecedented violence, common citizens have been thrashed and the local community and women have been rebuked with abusive words. The information has been received that the protestors have pelted stones allegedly involving them in arson and vandalism due to which both the police and the protestors have sustained injury.

It has been found that Ram Ashish Thakur of Ward 10 of Gaur Municipality was allegedly killed when the van belonging to the armed police hit him while attempting to reverse following the chaos created by a mob of three to four hundred people gathered at Sabgada of the district on April 3, 2015.

In this regard, the Commission has invited the officials including the secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs, Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Inspector General of Nepal Police and Armed Police Force to the Commission and held discussion. The Commission has expressed concern on sustaining the peace and security and the incidents of violence perpetuated on the human rights workers, women and the common citizens.

During the discussion, the Home Secretary had informed that maintaining restraint, it stepped up investigation in the event of any incident of violence due to the use excessive force and the efforts inculcated from the side of the government to resolve the problem.

The NHRC monitoring team has found that such type of incidents have occurred in various districts following the expansion of the service centers. In this regard, it is the fundamental rights of the citizens to receive services at the close proximity of their habitual residence in the democratic governance system. Since it is deemed necessary to make decision and implement on such matters keeping in mind the proportion of population and geographical setting together with adequate study conducted and consultation advanced with the service seekers on the basis of principle of equality in service, the Commission would like to draw the attention of all stakeholders towards this.

The Commission therefore urges all the parties to carry out fair investigation on the killing of Ram Ashish Thakur including the incidents of ill treatment perpetuated on women, media persons, and common citizens and take legal action against the accused, to make arrangement for necessary treatment of the injured, and to create an environment congenial for journalists and human rights workers to discharge their duties without any undue hindrances.

Similarly, the Commission urges the protestors to organize their protest programs in peaceful manner without violating the rights of others while enjoying their own to show respect to human rights of others. Also, the Commission urges all the concerned parties to resolve the problem through dialogue and consensus.

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