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Press Note

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Remains of Godar Victims identified

LALITPUR: Exhumed in 2010, the remains of the Godar victims have been examined and identified now at the initiative of the NHRC and the International Science and Technology Laboratory. It is confirmed that those remains belonged to five youths namely Sanjeev Karn, Durgesh Labh, Jitendra Jha, Pramod Narayan Mandla and Shailendra Yadav of Janakpur. They were reportedly missing after the security force had allegedly taken them under custody on October 8, 2003.

In regard to handing over those remains to their kin, a discussion was held at the NHRC conference hall among the human rights defenders, legal professional and the civil society leaders.

The suggestions were provided during the discussion that the high level officials of Government of Nepal be present during the time of handing over the remains to their kins as per the Exhumation Guidelines 2012 adopted by the Commission, arrangement be made for the reparation to the families of the victims and legal action be taken against the accused ensuring justice to the victims' families. The above incidents being related to the transitional justice and victims' right to receive justice, the Commission urges the Government of Nepal to address the incident appropriately.

At the program, former NHRC members Gauri Pradhan, Sushil Pyakurel, Sudip Pathak, and rights activists Charan Prasain, Subodh Pyakurel, Kanak Mani Dixit, Govinda Sharma Bandi, Bishnu Pukar Shrestha, Bhawani Kharel, Dr. Gopal Siwakoti, Devi Sunar and Pradip Pokhrel were present.

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