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Press Note

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Human Rights Situation monitored in Far West

Directives issued for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights

KAILALI: A high level monitoring team of National Human Rights Commission led by Commissioner Govinda Sharma Paudyal has issued the directive to improve the human rights situation in the districts of Achcham, Doti, Dadeldhura and Kailali in far west region of the country following the monitoring conducted on human rights situation in those districts.

During the monitoring, the team found that most of the government offices in Dadeldhura, Achcham and Doti districts were suffering from staff crunch, longstanding vacuum in the Regional Administrative Office and the lack of communication on the National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP) of the Government of Nepal.

The team also found the lack of doctors in the hospitals in this region for a long time, lack of medicines despite the Government's announcement of the free distribution of medicines, lack of installation of essential apparatus like X-Ray machine, lack of BCG and other important vaccines for measles for months including the lack of Intensive Care Unit.

The region sporadically suffered from social taboo such as Chaupadi culture, bonded laborers such as Kamalari, practice of child marriage and polygamy, lack of text books in the schools as well as HIV AIDS.

More inmates were found accommodated than their capacity in the district prisons of Kailali, Achcham and Dadeldhura. The prisons also suffered from pitiable physical condition, lack of basic amenities such as sleeping facility, lack of clean drinking water supply and health services.

During the process of monitoring, the interactions were held separately with the chiefs of the district based government offices, chiefs of security agencies, media persons, legal professionals, representatives of the professional organizations, human rights defenders, armed conflict victims, and local residents to collect feedbacks and suggestions on the NHRC's six year Strategic Plan and Universal Periodic Review report.

Meanwhile, The Commission summoned the Chief District Officer of Dhanusha district at the NHRC Regional Office, Janakpur through the Ministry of Home Affairs for not supporting by remaining absent despite being invited in written in connection with the Godar incident and human rights situation in the area.

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