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NHRC Urges Legal Action against the Accused of Violence Against Women

The serious attention of the National Human Rights Commission has been drawn towards the increasing incidents of killing, violence and atrocities against women in the country.

The Commission is saddened by the recurrences of the incident which came to light on the heels of a 16 Day National Campaign against Violence against Women in Nepal. It is unfortunate to see the state falling short of effective mechanism to deal with such hideous crimes.

The Commission is regularly monitoring and investigating over the actions taken by the government with regard to the involvement of government officials and police in robbing and raping of a migrant worker of Bhojpur including other cases of violence against women.

The Commission is monitoring the incidents of killings of Shiwa Hasmi of Bardiya, Bindu Thakur of Bara, Saraswati Subedi of Dhading and Mamata Mahato of Sarlahi including ill-treatment perpetrated on Kawali Sarki of Dailekh and Puja Sharma of Siraha.

The Commission is also carrying out monitoring of other cases of rape and abuses of women including the incident of mysterious disappearance of Chori Maiya Maharjan who has been missing for the last 10 months. No substantive investigation is learnt to have been launched with regard to the missing Maharjan.

These cases show that the right to live, security and dignity of women is being grossly violated. The Commission, therefore, urges the Government to bring those involved in atrocities and other crimes against women under the purview of law and immediately provide relief, compensation and reparation to the victims' families upon conducting fair investigation.

The Commission also urges all the concerned parties to respect the rights of the women guaranteed by the Interim Constitution, 2007 and the 'International Convention on the all Forms of Discrimination against Women' to which Nepal is a party. The Commission also urges all to adopt 'Zero Tolerance' in order to give impediment to the recurrences of the incidents such as violence against women and inhuman treatment perpetrated to women in society.

Similarly, hereby, the Commission would like to draw the attention of the Nepal Government for necessary initiatives to institute the conceptualized 'Fast Track Court' meant to investigate the incidents of violence against women and killing in swift manner and take appropriate action as per the law.

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