



# National Human Rights Commission

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### **Sort Out the Federalism Related Issues through Consensus and Dialogues**

The debate on federalism is mounting in the country as the date for the proclamation of the new constitution is approaching to the threshold. The NHRC has perceived it as a mere likelihood for the reason that wider debate for and against the formation of federal states is deemed necessary for the protection of nationalism and sovereignty in the country.

The attention of the NHRC has been drawn to the life of general people hit hard by the federalism related agitation of “Akhanda Sudur Paschim” launched in Far West. Though all have the rights to organize peaceful protest to have the demand meted out in the open political system, it is necessary to be cognizant of its impact on the life of general people.

The Commission has expressed its concern over the bomb explosion while raising voice in favor of Federalism in Janakpur. The Commission appeals to the Government to provide appropriate compensation to the families of the deceased and also make proper arrangement for the treatment to the injured in the incident.

Similarly, the Commission also expresses it wishes for the impediment to the proliferation of such untoward incident from the side of anyone and anytime.

Meanwhile, the Commission has received complaint with regard to the threat harbored against parliamentarian Mr. Chitra Bahadur KC who has stood against the federal system. The attention of the NHRC, therefore, has been drawn to this. While all have the right to express their opinion in a democratic system, it is saddening that Mr. KC has received threat on the ground of keeping different opinion on federal system. The Commission, therefore, appeals to the Government to indentify the person accused of threatening Mr. KC and take legal action against him.

The Commission appeals to the Government and all the concerned stakeholders to settle down the entire issues related to the federalism on the basis of consensus built through the dialogues by taking the matters related nationalism and sovereignty into account. .

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