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Quarantine gang-rape upon a woman is very sad Improve the quarantine services

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws its attention seriously towards the incident of gang rape upon a woman kept in the quarantine situated at Sahid Smarak Secondary school Lamkichuwa municipality – 1. The Commission sent a letter to the Nepal Police requesting the detailed information of the incident. A team of the Province Office Dhangadi is headed towards the incident spot.

The woman was sitting at the quarantine from 2 June 2020 who was also one of the returnees from India recalling the motherland to save her life from COVID – 19 pandemics and was raped on 13 June 2020 as the Commission received the information. Though the Commission time and again drew attention of the government of Nepal to implement the standards relating to the arrangement and operation of the quarantine by the World Health Organization but yet to be improved and the heinous crime inside the quarantine operated by the state agency itself is very gloomy aspect. From this incident, violation of the fundamental rights provided by the articles 18 and 38 of the Constitution of Nepal and the rights ensured by the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 in which Nepal is a state party.

Thus, the Commission again draws attention of the government of Nepal for full implementation of the standards relating to the arrangement and operation of the quarantine by the World Health Organization. Similarly, the Commission draws attention of the government of Nepal to bring the perpetrators involved in the incident to justice immediately, ensure non occurrence of such incident repeatedly inside the quarantine, provide psychosocial counselling arranging health check up and PCR testing of the victim woman reintegrate into the family and provide adequate relief and compensation.

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