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Press Note

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NHRC monitors prisons in the country: a team led by of Hon. Member departed to monitor the rights of the inmates during COVID – 19

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal began monitoring the rights to health of the inmates during COVID – 19 pandemics. A team led by of Hon. Member of the Commission Sudip Pathak is deployed to monitor the prisons of the various districts of seven provinces from 21 September 2020 to 11 October, 2020. Joint secretaries and other officers working at NHRC central and provincial offices will accompany the team.

The Commission has been drawing attention of the Government of Nepal including other concerned agencies to become sensitive towards the right to life and right to health of the inmates in the prison.

The Commission also requests to implement the interim order provided by the respected Supreme Court of Nepal on 29 April 2020 to prepare conditions and procedures and to notify within 7 days to the public through the gazette about the initiation taken for implementation of the mentioned provisions in the Sections 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 49 of the Criminal Offences (Sentencing and Execution) Act, 2017, and the order to implement the Section 37 of the same act and the Rule 29 of the Prison Rule, 1963's which provides the provision of exemption of the imprisonment without discrimination. Similarly, the Commission's Bagmati Province Office has corresponded to the Department of Prison asking to inform about the right to health including all other rights of the inmates.

Thus, the Commission request concerned all to provide necessary assistance to the NHRC monitoring team for the protection and respect of human rights.

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