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Request to respect right to dignified life and protect right to property of the endangered Chepang Community

National Human Rights Commission has taken serious attention towards the alleged involvement of Chitwan National Park in the burning of houses of the people from the squatters Chepang community on July 18 who were residing at Kusumkhola Madi Municipality – 9, Chitwan since 1997 and for the death of 24 years Raj Kumar Chapang after he was taken into custody, beaten and tortured by Nepal Army personnel deployed for security in Chitwan National Park.

The Commission Bagmati Province Office has initiated to investigate into the case of forceful eviction of the indigenous community from their residence. The alleged act of the Nepali Army deployed to protect people's life and provide security of the national park is against the Articles 16, 22, 37, 42 of the Constitution of Nepal, Article 6 of the United Nations International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), 1966, Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), 1966 and ILO Convention 169. Such acts restrict the right to live with dignity, and also violate the right to housing and right to social justice.

Thus, the Commission requests to the Nepal government to provide alternative settlements to the families who lost their lives and made displaced burning of houses of the people unsensibly and and ensure right to housing and conduct a fair and impartial impartial investigation into the both incidents —forceful eviction and death and sought legal action against the guilty, provide adequate compensation to the Raj Kumar Chepang's family.

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