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### Do not obstruct in managing dead body of COVID – 19 Victims

National Human Rights Commission of Nepal draws its attention towards the incident of clash between security personnel, local people's representatives and locals during the management of the body of a person who died from COVID-19 in Pokhara Metropolitan City-32 of Kaski.

The Commission's monitoring shows that the locals created obstruction during the management of the dead body nearby the locals' residential areas claiming that there was no coordination with the locals and the situation has become tense as the security personnel also used force to manage the body of the deceased.

The right to decent disposal of the dead body as per an individual's religion, culture and customary practices is ensured by the domestic law as well as the international laws in which Nepal is a state party. The Government of Nepal has implemented after formulating the procedure for the respectful management of the deceased body from COVID – 19 in the current special circumstances.

Thus, the Commission requests to the Government of Nepal to create conducive environment for managing dead bodies in coordination with the local level in the effective implementation of the procedures implemented by the government in the current special circumstances. Similarly, the Commission appeals to the all concerning stakeholders to cooperate in the effective implementation of the procedures implemented by the government in the current special circumstances.

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