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Respect freedom of press as well as the freedom of expression

Operate well systematic quarantines

Nepal is facing critical condition due to the global COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, from COVID-19, 9 persons died inside the quarantine out of the 11 deaths till now, more than 29 hundred persons infected and more than 167 thousand persons are still in the quarantine. As the number of persons infected from COVID-19 is increasing day by day the crisis is also seeming to be protracted. The quarantines in Jhapa, Routahat, Parsa, Sarlahi, Saptari, Kapilbastu, Banke, Dailekh, Kanchanpur including most of the districts are not operated as per the determined standards, so that, reluctance is seen in the protection of fundamental human rights.

During lockdown, the arrest of 22 media personnel deployed for monitoring and collecting the news and even attack, threat and insult to journalists, the tendency to disregard providing information from the governmental agencies, even unable to receive remuneration by some of employed journalists, the creation of displacing condition even from the profession of journalism, and the creation of condition of closing some of the media, form this, the media houses, media personnel and the people at large would be deprived from the freedom of opinion and expression, right to communication and right to information guaranteed by the Constitution.

Thus, the Commission draws attention of the Government of Nepal to operate well systematic quarantines as per the standards for the prevention and control of COVID-19, speed up the PCR testing of the persons in the quarantines, provide essential information to the journalists, stop attack on, threat, and insult over the journalists, guarantee the remuneration and ensure easy access on information to the employed journalists, act accordingly adopting short term, mid term and long term plan and programs with regard to the security of journalists, and fulfill the obligation of state effectively to protect and promotion of fundamental rights and human rights in accordance with the Article 52 of the Constitution.

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