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Concern expressed over the safety of all migrant workers

The National Human Rights Commission expresses grave sorrow over the death of 14 Nepalese nationals and 5 injured in an incident of bomb attack in the capital Kabul of Afghanistan. Right to life of the people is often pushed into jeopardy due to the lack of regular and effective monitoring on the situation of migrant workers stationed in foreign land for employment and their illegal influx into the those countries where safety is not guaranteed.

The commission today requested Afghanistan based Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) to pledge necessary support with regard to the incident.

Request has been made before AIHRC to render support in making the information of the deceased available, their details, arrangement for sending the dead bodies back home with dignity, to make an initiative for adequate relief and compensation to the families of the deceased, to make the arrangement for the effective treatment to the injured in the incident and also to render necessary support for the protection of human rights of Nepalese migrant workers in Afghanistan.

With regard to the above, the Commission also urges the Government of Nepal to intervene the foreign employment in any country where the safety is not guaranteed and to step up yet another initiative in diplomatic level to make effective arrangement of peace and security of the Nepalese nationals working in those countries.

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