

Consensus Press Release

Press Release November 2, 2011 NHRC welcomes the Consensus for Constitution and Peace: The formation of effective transitional mechanisms urged Lalitpur: The National Human Rights Commission heartily welcomes the consensus for peace and constitution reached between the chief political parties on November 1, 2011. Having signed the consensus at the threshold of the fifth year anniversary of Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA), the NHRC is assured that such a breakthrough would expedite the peace process towards conclusion and framing of human rights friendly constitution. The formation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Commission on Enquiry of Disappearances within one month has brought in a ray of hope for early delivery of justice to the victims of conflict related incidents of human rights violations. In this regard, the NHRC has been conducting investigation and maintaining documentation on the incidents of human rights violations of armed conflict period ever since. In this context, the NHRC is all set to collaborate upfront with the newly formed mechanisms. Equally crucial is the formation of mechanisms for transitional justice in accordance with the international standards of human rights which ought to be independent, competent and reliable. The issues such as the fair distribution of relief to the conflict victims, returning of the confiscated property to the rightful owners, and ensuring the rights of peasants through scientific land reforms have been prioritized in the Consensus. This is very much positive endeavor from human rights perspective. The Commission, therefore, appeals to all the concerned parties to render necessary support for the effective implementation of the consensus reached between the three major political parties including Samyukta Loktrantrik Madhesi Morcha (Unified Democratic Madhesi Front), protect human rights and put an end to the state of impunity. Bishal