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Do not patronize torture under any condition

Context: International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (26 June)

National Human Rights Commission since its inception has been monitoring and investigating the act of torture. The Commission has been registering the complaints right from the conflict era and providing recommendations to the Government of Nepal through investigation and monitoring of the arrest and the mental and physical torture. The Commission has registered 1,910 complaints regarding the torture till now, among them, completing investigation over the 1,000 complaints and has already made decision. Out of them, the Commission has recommended to the Government of Nepal to provide compensation to the victims, take legal action to the perpetrators and cause to pay compensation from the perpetrators on 179 complaints. With regard to the implementation of these recommendations to bring to book the perpetrator is very little except cause to pay the compensation to the victims, therefore, the Commission requests to the Government of Nepal again to concentrate on the implementation.

The Commission has been continuously monitoring the detention centers and prisons for the protection of the right against torture. During monitoring, the pressure of the detainees seems to be increasing in the detention centers and prisons, the problem is also seen in the areas of adequate space as well as sanitation and drinking water, therefore, the Commission requests for the improvement of detention centers and the prisons.

Even nowadays for the admissibility in some of the cases the torture like inhuman act is used as a means as the Commission received information through the complaints launched, monitoring and investigation. The various international and national laws have accepted torture as a crime. Thus, the act of torture to any person under any pretext is against law.

Thus, the Commission requests the concerned all not to impose and cause not to impose inhuman and criminal act of torture to anyone in any context.

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