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NHRC Concerns over Obstructions

Press Release

The National Human Rights Commission expresses grave concern over the uncooperative act of the concerned party towards the NHRC investigation team deployed to conduct the on-site investigation on the alleged death of Ram Hari Shrestha, resident of Kotewswar, Kathmandu who was reported to have been killed by the militia commander, the third division (Jutpani) of CPN (Maoists) situated at Shaktikhor, Chitwan.

- The NHRC team, which had reached the Maoists Cantonment on 22 May 2008 in connection with the on-site investigation of the incident of human rights violation, was reportedly averted thereby by debarring its entry into the cantonment. The incidents as such has caused the deprivation to the Commission to discharge the mandated responsibilities enshrined in the Article 132 (3) of the Interim Constitution of Nepal and the responsibilities bestowed upon by the Comprehensive peace Agreement signed between the Government of Nepal and the CPN (Maoists) on 21 November 2006.
- In the same regard, apparently, the DSP of the Chitwan District Police Office appeared to be slack to have the investigation conducted in fair and reliable manner and also declined to be cooperative in providing the documents and information needed for the proceeding of the investigation commenced by the NHRC team.

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