



# राष्ट्रिय मानव अधिकार आयोग

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## NHRC condemns Journalist Birendra Sah's killing

National Human Rights Commission deplors the killing of Bara based journalist Birendra Sah and recommends the government to carry out a full and impartial investigation immediately and to prosecute the guilty according to the law.

The hiding of the whereabouts of journalist Sah following his abduction by CPN-M cadres for a long time, and perpetrators still enjoying immunity from prosecution is promoting the spiraling culture of impunity in the country. The Commission calls on the CPN-M leadership to give strict directions to its cadres down at grassroots level for preventing the repetition of such acts in the future, and to assist all those who are involved in the investigation of the abduction and subsequent killing of journalist Sah.

## Deteriorating human rights situation in Siraha and Saptari

The continued incidents of abductions and killings in Siraha and Saptari districts recently by various groups have also drawn the serious attention of National Human Rights Commission. The incidents of killings immediately after abductions by unidentified groups, and donation spree in the name of various groups fighting in Terai are on the rise. Similarly, complaints of inhumane treatment and torture in the eastern region by state agencies have also been lodged at the Commission's office.

The Commission's eastern regional office has received 14 complaints within this week. These complaints include a wide range of issues such as illegal detention, torture, abduction, life safety, rape, compensation, donation and delayed initiation of legal proceedings on the part of State and cases of property seizure, abduction, killing, beating and mistreatment on the part of YCL and other groups fighting in Terai. These series of incidents within this week have led to the deteriorated human rights situation in Siraha and Saptari districts. Criminal activities are on the rise in these districts in the clear lack of law and order. Victims express grievances that state agencies are apathetic towards their voice, peoples' security and that they fail to arrest the guilty even though they are moving around freely.

A team of protection officers from Commission's eastern regional office has already left for the monitoring of Sunsari, Siraha and Saptari districts in this connection today. The Commission urges all concerned to extend necessary assistance to the team.



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The Commission urges all parties to respect peoples' right to live peacefully. It also urges state agencies responsible for guaranteeing security of the people and political parties to be more sensitive. Likewise, it also appeals to GON to take legal actions against those involved in such incidents and to end the state of impunity in the country.

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The National Human Rights Commission's central and regional offices will remain open three hours every day during Tihar holidays (9-11 Nov.) for receiving complaints. The complaint sections of Commission's central office in Kathmandu and regional offices in Biratnagar, Pokhara, Nepalgunj and Dhangadi will remain open from 11 am to 2 pm. NHRC has made this provision taking into account the protection of human rights. The Commission will receive complaints of human rights violations and atrocities during these days and will also carry out monitoring according to need.

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