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### Discussion held with the officials of Home Ministry as well as Supplies and Security

Since the serious attention of the Commission has been drawn to the acutely deteriorating law and order as well as human rights situation in the entire country including the capital due to the perpetual Banda called in 11 districts of Terai since 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, the Commission called on the high level officials from the Home Ministry, Ministry for Industries, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and Nepal Oil Corporation and held discussion on the currently emerged deficiencies in supplies, deteriorating law and order situation and the over all human rights situation in the country.

Through the factual information received during the course of monitoring conducted by the Commission in the districts of Parsa, Bara, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Siraha, Saptari, Morang, Sunsari and Banke in the Terai, it has been found that the human rights situation in these districts is severely worsening. The regular supplies of very much essential daily stuffs such as the cooking gas, petroleum products, food supplies as well as the medicines has been critically affected due to the prolonged Banda resulting in the violations of human rights of the general citizens. In this regard, the Commission has drawn the attention of the Government to the situation so as to immediately manage the effective supplies and also to adopt other necessary measures including the legal alternatives to implement as per necessity.

Due to the Banda, the free movement of the general public has been affected the obstruction is created in the buying and selling of the daily consumer products and their transportation. The students preparing for the SCL examination which is just around the corner have been deprived of their rights to education due to the indefinite closure of the educational institutions. Likewise, consequently, the daily life of the general public in the Terai as well as the capital including the various other parts of the country is becoming pathetic day by day due to the Banda. The Commission, therefore, issued the directives to the concerned authorities of the Government to immediately take up the necessary steps in order to protect the fundamental rights of the common citizens. Likewise, the Commission appealed to the Government to immediately provide the necessary compensations to the families of the people killed in the Terai agitation and the security forces killed during discharging their duties and also for the treatment to the injured and for the legal action against the accused.

In the discussion program, the chairperson Kedarnath Upadhyay, the members Ram Nagina Singh, Gauri Pradhan, Dr. KB Rokaya and the secretary Bishal Khanal were present. Likewise, Basudev Oli, the Inspector General of Armed Police, Shyam Singh Thapa, Additional Inspector General of



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Nepal Police, Pratap Kumar Pathak, the Joint Secretary of Home Ministry, Tej Raj Shakya, Joint Secretary of the Ministry for Industries, Commerce and Supplies and Ichcha Bikram Thapa, Deputy Director of Nepal Oil Corporation were present in the discussion program.

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*Bishal Khanal*

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