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Commission's serious concern upon the incident of death of a child by police beating

Bring book to the culprit investigating impartially

National Human Rights Commission seriously concerns over the death of a 13 years old child Padam Bd. Budha a resident of Guthichaur rural municipality – 3, Jumla district by police beating and torture. The Karnali Province Branch Office, Jumla monitored the incident.

The Commission monitoring team visiting the Karnali Academy of Health Sciences (KAHS) made observation of the corpse at ICU and has also taken information from the Inspector of the District Police Office Jumla. The 7 persons including the Child were arrested on 31 January, 2021 in charge of theft of mobile, they were beaten by the pipe during the interrogation and were released on the same day, due to the beating to Padam Budha bruises were in his calf of the left leg and sole and the leg was swollen and during his treatment he was died on 17 February, 2021 as the information received the monitoring.

The Commission Karnali Province Branch Office, Jumla sent letters to the District Police Office Jumla to conduct post morteum of the corpse and to the Karnali Academy of Health Sciences to arrange the corpse management in the appropriate place immediately as the corpse is in the ICU for two days of the death of the child.

Article 6 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989 guarentees every child the inherent right to life and Article 37 mentioned that No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Similarly, the Rule 4 (e) of the Juvenile Justice Procedures Rules, 2006 provides that a juvenile shall get examined the physical and the mental health of the child in the nearest government hospital or by the doctor.

Thus, the Commission requests to the government of Nepal to bring book the culprits of the incident investigating impartially and credibly, arrange management of the corpse in an appropriate place, conduct post morteum by the expert doctor, and arrange protection of victim's family and provide adequate compensation to the family.

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