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Ensure individual's right to property and housing

The Commission concerns over the incidents of deprivation of individual's right to housing as the houses at Balaju, Baneshwor, Khokana of Kathmandu valley demolishing by Kathmandu Valley Development Authority forcibly using police in the name of road-widening campaign. The Commission has time and again monitored the incidents.

The Commission received the facts from monitoring that 39 households that were living in Balaju Bypass including other areas were forcefully evicted by the Kathmandu Valley Development Authority during the festival without any prior notice deploying a large number of police time and again using Excavators / bulldozer demolished property and no compensation is provided and no alternative settlement is arranged. Similarly, the Commission also received the facts during monitoring that local citizens are peacefully demonstrating at various times and even relay hunger strike for the protection of rights and even in such relay strike and the movements, police intervened and abused.

With regard to these incidents, NHRC central office and Bagmati Province offices have monitored the incidents. It is the obligation of the state to protect the rights of the citizens, it is very sad to act against the Articles 25 and 37 of the Constitution of Nepal, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966, ILO Convention 169, and United Nations Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, 1998 by the state itself. Such acts violate the individual's right to housing and property.

Thus, the Commission requests to the government of Nepal to provide adequate compensation arranging the housing and ensure right to property to the individuals affected by the demolition of property displacing people destroying the houses going against the directive order of the respected Supreme Court of Nepal.

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