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### Respect citizen's right to peaceful demonstration

National Human Rights Commission draws its attention seriously towards the incident of 25 January in which police used force, arrest to disperse a protest and few of the protestants become injured in the event organized by civil society activists in Kathmandu in expressing their objection of the dissolution of parliament.

The Article 20 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights-1948, Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966, and Article 17 of the Constitution of Nepal have ensured the right to freedom of opinion and expression and to assemble peaceably and without arms. The use of excessive force in the peaceful assembly by the citizens is the act against the national and international laws. The commission requests the government to be sensitive in this regard.

The Commission draws attention of the government of Nepal not to curtail citizens' fundamental rights under any pretext, respect freedom of expression and peaceful assemblies, not to do any act which goes against Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials, 1990.

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