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Recommendation for the Removal of the Armed Base Camps from the School Vicinity, 15th January, 2008

## Press Release

### Recommendation for the Removal of the Armed Base Camps from the School Vicinity

The National Human Rights Commission has forwarded a letter to the Government of Nepal for the removal of armed police base camps from the *Lilja Thakur Primary School* building premises situated in *Hanuman Nagar* of *Saptari district*.

Considering the serious notice of the forceful occupancy in the said school by the *Dantakali Battalion* of the Armed Police Force for the last two years, the Commission has recommended the immediate removal of the base camps from the school premises and inform the commission accordingly.

*â€œNaya Patrikaâ€•* published on *Magh 1, 2064* had exposed this concern along with the photo that more than thousand students are compelled to attend their classes under open sky after the school building was forcibly used by the Armed Police Force.

The pursuit of education in fearless environment is the childrenâ€™s rights. The Nepalese constitution and the national and international laws pertaining to human rights have clearly guaranteed this right. Thus, the act of occupying the school building with the dwelling of Armed Police Force evidently demonstrates the violation of *Nepalâ€™s Interim Constitution 2063*, *UN Convention on the Rights of Child* as well as the *Comprehensive Peace Agreement* reached between the GoN and CPN (Maoists) in Mangshir 2063.

It has been the Commissionâ€™s concern that the schools have to be turned into the zones of peace. Obstinate, the alleged occupancy of the schools by the Armed Police Force is apparently an intrusion over the childrenâ€™s right to education as well as futility towards the commitment to turn the school premises into peace zones.

Meanwhile, a team from the Biratnagar Regional Office of the Commission will be proceeding to the location of the incident for further monitoring and investigation.

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