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Request for fair and effective investigation

National Human Rights Commission concerns seriously over the incident of killing of the human rights defender and environment conservation campaigner, Om Prakash Mahato resident of Mithila Municipality – 5, Dhanusa who was crushed to death by a tipper at Aurahi rivulet on January 10, 2020.

Province 2 Office of the NHRC has already headed towards the incident spot for monitoring and investigation into the incident. From this incident, the right to life of the environment conservation campaigner as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 in which Nepal is a state party have been violated. Right to clean environment is an important human right. We all have duty to protect the environment. The Commission believes that the violence and ending anyone's life cannot solve the problem.

Meanwhile, a team of environment conservation campaigners submitted a memorandum to National Human Rights Commission. They have submitted a memorandum to the Hon. Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma demanding for the effective and fair investigation of the incident and legal action against the guilty person. Hon. Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma said that the incident is very sad as well as the Commission has been closely carrying out monitoring on its legal process and he made commitment to draw attention of the concerned agency regarding the unauthorized exploitation of the environment when the Commission receives its monitoring report.

Thus, the Commission draws the attention of the Government of Nepal to ensure non recurrence of such incidents in the days to come and to take legal action against the guilty and disclose the factual information regarding the incident after carrying out fair and effective investigation into the case and provide compensation to the victim.

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