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Worsening Human Rights Situation in Terai, Dec. 25, 2007

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The serious attention of the Commission has been drawn to the on-going incidents of human rights violation in the mid and eastern Terai region of the country in recent days.

The commission has received the information from the monitoring team of the Commission and various other sources about the sporadic incidents such as the detention of general people, public servants and the cadres of the political parties, extortion, intimidation, abduction, threatening and obstruction to the daily duties of the public servants and the secretaries of VDCs due to which the unprecedented displacement is still continuing in various places of mid and eastern Terai region of the country.

In the process of monitoring the deteriorating human rights situation of the Terai region, the teams deployed by the Commission have been conducting on-the-spot monitoring in the different villages of Bara, Parsa, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari and Dhanusha districts.

Observing the weakening peace and security situation in the Terai region, therefore, the Commission hereby appeals to the Government of Nepal to immediately guarantee peace and security in order to protect the people's right to live with freedom, right to occupation and business and right to property.

Likewise, the Commission further appeals to all the concerned parties to pay respect to the rights of others while enjoying their own and to remain committed to the human rights.

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Human rights abuses growing in Terai: NHRC

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has expressed serious concern over growing human rights abuses in Terai region.

In a statement on Tuesday, the rights watchdog said it had been receiving information from various sources about growing cases of murder, extortion, abduction and intimidation of ordinary people, government employees and political cadres alike in eastern and central Terai. Such an environment of fear has caused growing displacement of people from the region, the NHRC said.

The NHRC also asked the Nepal government to enhance security in the region and guarantee the rights of the people to live and work in a fearless manner.

Though the commission urged "all concerned groups" to show respect to human rights while exercising their rights, it did not mention categorically which groups were involved in violation of rights.

According to the commission, human rights monitors have been assessing the situation in districts like Bara, Parsa, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari and Dhanusha. **nepalnews.com mk Dec 25 07**