

Human Rights Situation

(Monthly Analysis- February 2017)¹

In the month of February, the incidents of Human Rights violation and atrocities were higher as compared to the last month. The analysis based on the news published in INSEC online, similar to the last month, this month most of the district was deprived of medicine shortage. However, news regarding the destruction of physical properties in campuses, colleges in regards to the agitation against the announcement of election date by United Madhesi Morcha was published with a priority. News related to the obstruction of various political programs in Terai Madhes by Madhesi Morcha was published. The analysis of the activities such as burning effigies of prime minister and attack on the program participated by the Prime Minister raised the suspicion that agitating party is heading towards politics of restriction. Last month, eight male were victimized by state actor and 187 people were victimized by non-state actor in various incidents on human rights violation and atrocities according to the INSEC documentation. This month, 309 people were victim of human rights violation. Last month 30 male and 157 female were victimized by non-state actor.

The Marchawar area was unstable for almost one week after the cadres of C.K Rawat, in the name of Free Madhes Alliance, attacked Police post at Marchawar of Rupendehi and looted some weapons on February 19. There was protest against the cadres for using children to attack the police post. The tear gas gun and SLR gun looted during the attack was recovered according to the police.

The United Democratic Madhesi Morcha had demonstrated with torch rally in various district of Terai-Madhes on the evening of February 21 against the government's announcement of the date of local level election. The cadres had demonstrated against the government for announcing the election date before addressing their demands.

¹ The Informal Sector Service Centre (INSEC) has begun to publicize a monthly report on Human Rights Situation of the country from this month. INSEC has been documenting and disseminating the Human Rights situation of Nepal since 25 years. We have been documenting the incidents on Human Rights violation and atrocities through our district representatives actively present in all 75 districts of the nation. Similarly, with the objective of documenting and disseminating the incident on human rights violation in a regular basis, INSEC has been publicizing news through its web portal www.inseconline.org. This monthly analysis is based on the news publicized in this web portal. It is civilian's fundamental right to consume civil and political, economic, social and cultural rights without any hurdles.

We expect that this monthly analysis will be useful to those who want to know about the situation of human rights in the country, making stakeholders accountable by publicizing the situation of human rights based on the incidents on human rights violation and atrocities, justice to the victim and action against the perpetrators through advocacy.

The cadres of Madhesi Morcha had attempted to attack the house of CPN UML leader Raghu Bir Mahaseth on February 22 in Dhanusha, where former vice-prime minister and home minister Bam Dev Gautam was residing. INSEC published the news that former treasurer of FNJ and chairperson of District Level Human Rights Network was abused during the clash. The cadres had hurled the stones in the house of leader Mahaseth.

At least three people were injured in a clash between police and United Democratic Madhesi Morcha (UDMM) cadres on February 26 at Gaur of Rautahat. The clash started after the cadres attempted to obstruct the program of CPN UML senior leader Madhav Kumar Nepal regarding the addressing of cadres assembly and party entering program. The cadres had burnt tires and obstructed the road since the morning.

CPN UML parliamentarian Purushottam Paudel of constituency number 6 of Bara was attempted to attack by the supporter of Maoist centre on February 28 during an interaction program regarding the progress report of construction of second international airport in Nijgadh. He was misbehaved by the cadres. He was attempted to attack while he was addressing the program from the stage.

During this period, INSEC online has published news regarding the killing of 37 years old Sher Bahadur Saud, chairperson of VDC level Human Rights Watch Group of Koteli VDC of Dadeldhura. Police arrested 24 years old Bhim Bahadur Bhul on February 19 on charge of his involvement in killing.

Type Of Events	By Non State				By State				Grand Total
	Male	Female	N/A	Total	Male	Female	N/A	Total	
Abduction		1		1					1
arrest							48	48	48
Beating	15			15	15	2		17	32
Child Rights	1	28	15	44					44
Destruction			8	8					8
Inhuman Behavior	1			1	2			2	3
Injured	1			1	1			1	2
Killing	4	12		16	1	1		2	18
Racial Discrimination	2	2		4					4
Threat	1			1					1
Women Rights		148		148					148
Total	25	191	23	239	19	3	48	70	309

According to the INSE documentation, in the month of February, 309 people were victims of human rights violation. Among which, 70 were by state and 239 by non-state actor. In February, 48 incidents of arrest, 32 of beatings, two of inhumane behavior and two injuries by

state were documented by INSEC. Similarly, by non-state actor 25 male and 192 female were victimized. In an incident of beating by non-state actor, 15 people were victim.

This month, one boy and 28 girls were victims of child rights violation. Based on the news published on INSEC online, 10 girls were victim of rape and six of sexual abuses. In the month of February, 15 children were victims of child labors, one boy and girl were victim in corporal punishment in school. In child marriage, six girls were victim and five were victims of trafficking.

Child Rights				
Type of Events	By Non State			
	Male	Female	N/A	Total
Child Labor			15	15
Child Marriage		6		6
Child Trafficking		5		5
Corporal Punishment	1	1		2
Rape		10		10
Sexual Abuse		6		6
Total	1	28	15	44

Similarly, in the incident of women rights violation and atrocities 148 women were victims. Among the documented incidents, 113 people were victims of domestic violence; three were victims of witchcraft allegation, 11 of rape, one of attempted rape, 17 of women trafficking and 11 of polygamy. This month, three male and eight female were killed by the family members. Among which, five were killed by beating, two by setting fire, three by using Sharpe weapon and one was strangled.

Women Rights		
Type of Events	By Non State	
	Female	Total
Domestic violence	113	113
For Practicing Witchcraft	3	3
Polygamy	3	3
Rape	11	11
Rape attempt	1	1
Women Trafficking	17	17
Total	148	148

Police arrested 26 years old husband Rajendra Khatiya from Nepal-India border of Janunaha check post on February 1 while he was absconding after killing his wife Anisha Khatiya, 22 of Nepalgunj Sub-metropolis after setting her fire. She was set on fire by the accused in a

domestic dispute on the night of January 19. The victim died while undergoing treatment at Teaching hospital in Kathmandu according to DPO Banke.

Conclusion

According to INSEC documentation, the incidents of HR violation by state actor have increased this month as compared to the last. The announcement of election date has been declared however, the government is showing apathy for its preparation. Most of the women were victims of rape, sexual abuses, allegation of witch and other degrading behavior. Such incidents are in increasing trend as state has failed to provide awareness program. Such incidents have highlighted the violent part of the society.

Recommendations

1. Conclude the local level election immediately through the consensus between all parties.
2. Initiate to minimize political restriction in Terai and Madhes rather than motivating it.
3. Ending of impunity along with ensuring the security by bring those in legal boundary demanding for the sectarianism and division.
4. Effective step to be taken for the control of violence by developing legal mechanism especially for controlling domestic violence.