

# Human Rights Situation

(Monthly analysis for June 15- July 15)

Nepal's first human rights news portal inseconline began to publish a monthly analysis report on Human Rights Situation of the country from March 2021. We have been documenting the incidents on Human Rights violation and abuses through our district representatives actively present in all 77 districts of Nepal. According to the news published on inseconline from June 15 to July 15 (Asar), 162 people (108 female and 54 male) have been victimized in various incidents. This month Pakhribas municipality of Dhankuta was sabotaged and an excavator was burned in Doti. According to the news published in the portal, 40 people have been violated by the state and 122 have been abused by others.

This month, Bagmati Province has the highest number of victims. There were 46 victims documented in Bagmati Province, 44 in Province 2, 21 in Lumbini Province, 20 in Province 1, 15 in Gandaki Province, 12 in Karnali Province and four in Sudurpaschim Province. This month 22 individuals were killed out of which six were killed by their husbands, four were killed by their family members, three were killed after rape and one was killed after attempt to rape. Within this period, 15 were injured out of which 12 were injured in a clash. Thirty were arrested out of which three were women. Also, five individuals were beaten, one was threatened and one was tortured.

According to the news published this month, 53 girls were victims of child rights violations. Of the documented incidents, 38 were cases of rape, 14 of sexual abuse and one of child marriage. Thirty-two women were victims of women's rights violations of which 20 were victims of rape, seven of attempted rape, three of sexual abuse, one of forced prostitution and one of domestic violence.

This month, there has not been any significant decline in the rate of diagnosis of COVID-19. On June 15, 23 percent people were diagnosed COVID positive whereas on July 15, 22 percent people were diagnosed positive. But, the active cases have declined to 26,822 from 63,257.

## **Highlight of the month:**

*Journalist Rupa Sunar, 24, had filed a complaint against Saraswati Pradhan, the landlady from Babarmahal, Kathmandu Metropolitan-11 accusing her of caste-based discrimination. According to Sunar, the landlady did not rent the flat to her due to caste discrimination. According to the victim, she went to Pradhan's house with her friend on June 15 and fixed the rent. She said, initially both the parties had agreed on the renting the flat but later Pradhan asked for Rupa's last name after which she denied keeping Rupa as her tenant. Police said that Saraswati Pradhan was released on June 24 in the presence of the then Minister Krishna Gopal Shrestha. This incident has reached the Supreme Court. The petition filed by the Rupa against Saraswati Pradhan is under investigation and it was seen clearly that Krishna Gopal Shrestha, who was in the public position of Minister when Saraswati Pradhan was released from custody, was present and he had escorted her from the custody in the Minister's official vehicle. The Supreme Court has ordered the police to investigate against former Minister Krishna Gopal Shrestha on July 15. Caste-based discrimination is an act against humanity. It transforms society towards animosity and intolerance. The advocacy, protection and campaigning in favour of such illegal acts create an environment unfavorable to overall human development and human rights. INSEC released a press statement on June 31 and appealed to form legal and policy framework against caste-based discrimination, its implementation and unified initiatives for social campaign against it. This incident hasn't received any verdict yet.*



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