

SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS THIS FORTNIGHT



In this fast-paced world, people seldom have time to read the news every day. Fortnight Human rights update is a new INSECOnline series aimed at disseminating a brief overview of National and International Human rights situation once in every two weeks. The series will be covering severe cases of Human rights violations Nationally and Internationally.

Human rights violations noted this fortnight have been enlisted below:

NATIONAL UPDATES

i. INSEC NOTES 142 CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN ONE MONTH

In the month of Shrawan, total of 142 cases of Human rights violations and abuse have been noted by INSEC. Amongst the victims, 108 were found to be female and 34 were found to be male.

ii. STUDENTS OF DOTI SUPPOSEDLY INDULGED INTO DRUGS DUE TO PROLONGED CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

Prolonged closure of the schools amid pandemic and lack of alternative academic arrangements have deprived students of Doti from their right to education. Basanta Kaini and Min Bahadur Kunwar, parents of students from Saraswati Secondary School have complained that most of the children have become addicted to drugs and playing cards instead.

iii. CASES OF FUGITIVE ARREST RISES BY 216.89%

As per the annual report published by security agency, Nepal Police have arrested 7,390 absconding convicts in the fiscal year 2020-21 resulting in its increase by 216.89% compared to last year.

iv. COVID-19 AND RISE OF CASES OF MALNOURISHMENT IN BAJURA

Surge of COVID-19 has rendered many children malnourished in Bajura. Data from Bajura Health Office has revealed that 236 children upto the age of 23 months has experienced extreme undernourishment, 629 have experienced medium type of malnourishment and 18,577 have experienced common malnourishment in last fiscal year.

v. SEXUAL ABUSE AGAINST A MINOR

A 19-year-old Rajendra BK of Mashatta Rural Municipality-2 has been arrested in the charge of sexually abusing a 16-year-old girl.

vi. BEATING AND INJURING A MINOR STEP DAUGHTER

Shanti Tamang, 28 has been arrested by the Police in the accusation of beating and injuring her six-year-old stepdaughter Purnima Pariyar of Kaswoti Municipality-16, Pipreni. The victim has severe wounds in her knees and head.

vii. INSEC AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS DEMANDS TO PUBLICIZE STATUS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARED PERSONS

On the occasion of International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance, INSEC and Human rights activists released a 13 points press statement demanding for the publication of whereabouts of the enforced disappeared persons, ratification of UN Convention against Enforced Disappearance along with justice and redressal to the victims.

Source: INSECOOnline and The Himalayan Times

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

i. OHCHR NOTES THE CASES OF SOARING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN AFGHANISTAN

OHCHR adopted a resolution on 24th August 2021 expressing grave concern at all violations and abuses of Human Rights and International Humanitarian law taking place in Afghanistan and stressed the need for prompt investigation into reports of all the violations committed by parties to the conflict.

ii. ARREST AGAINST FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Cambodian authorities have convicted a prominent human rights defender Rong Chhun along with 2 of his supporters over a comment he made on Facebook about alleged community land loss and forced evictions along Cambodia's border with Vietnam. OHCHR has condemned this act for being the violation of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under Cambodian and International law. (OHCHR:

iii. TORTURE INSIDE THE EVIN PRISON, IRAN

Leaked surveillance camera footage of Evin Prison, Iran shows infliction of torture and Human rights violations against the prisoners. Veracity of the same has been confirmed by top Iranian prison official.

iv. AIR RAIDS MAKE CIVILIANS HOMELESS

Israeli air raids resulting in demolition of 4 high-rise building has left dozens of people homeless and destroyed scores of businesses. This has created serious and lasting impact in the life of countless Palestinian who lived, worked, shopped or benefited from businesses based there.

v. HUGE HUMAN LOSS FOLLOWING SUICIDE BOMBING IN AFGHANISTAN

At least 60 civilians were killed and 140 Afghans were wounded in a suicide bombing at Kabul's airport.

vi. US DRONE ATTACK KILLS CIVILIANS RANGING FROM TWO TO 40 YEAR OLD

US Drone attack killed 10 members of the families ranging from two to 40 years old. USA claims the attack was conducted to target the Islamic State in Khorasan Province (ISKP or ISIS-K).

Source: OHCHR and Aljazeera

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