

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. UNIDENTIFIED ACCUSED KILLS SIX MEMBERS OF A FAMILY

Six members of Tej Bahadur Karki's family, including his mother, wife, daughter and two grandchildren of Kholagaun in Madi Municipality-1 have been killed by unidentified accused.

ii. COVID-19 RESPONSE IN NEPAL : AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) in its briefing paper notes that despite Supreme Court's order, Government of Nepal has failed to ensure right to Health of the citizens.

iii. INFANT MORTALITY RATE RISES IN PALPA

Statistics of the District Health Office, Palpa reveals that the rate of infant mortality in Palpa has doubled in the fiscal year 2077/078. Out of 5,637 infants, 11 of them died in the year 2076/77 whilst out of 4,601 infants, 22 died in the year 2077/78.

iv. RAPE AND RECONCILIATION

A 25-year-old woman alleged a 40-year-old Pradeep Yadav, from Mithila Bihari Municipality-4 of attempting to rape her. The issue was later reconciled by the panchayat with an amount of NRPs. 500,000. Not being satisfied with the panchayat's decision, the victim filed a complaint at the Area Police Office, Yadukoha.

v. WOMAN TRAFFICKING WOMAN

28-year-old, Asmita Rai, a permanent resident of Ilam Mai Municipality-8 has been arrested by Police on the charge of forcing a 29-year-old woman into prostitute. As per the DSP Subash Hamal, victim was initially offered a job of a waiter in the restaurant that suspect operated and she was later forced into prostitution.

vi. MINOR: SEXUALLY ABUSED

Mahesh Singh Thagunna, 25 of Naugad Rural Municipality-4 has been arrested by the Police on the charge of sexually abusing an 11-year-old.

vii. AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP VANDALIZES SCHOOL AND HEALTH POSTS

The office of Kedarkhada Secondary School and Kedarkhada Health Post in Bogtan Phudsil Rural Municipality-2 has been vandalized by an unidentified group. As per the chairperson of the Municipality, an unidentified group broke into the school and destroyed seven cupboards, furniture and documents

Source: INSECOline and The Himalayan Times

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

i. WOMEN CAN STUDY BUT IN A GENDER-SEGREGATED UNIVERSITIES

Taliban states that the women in Afghanistan can continue their study but class room will be gender segregated and head must be covered mandatorily. Education Minister Abdul Baqi Haqqiani maintains that the Taliban's attitude towards women have shifted in past 20 years.

ii. ONLINE CLASSES: NOT AN OPTION FOR SOUTH ASIAN CHILDREN

According to UNICEF, Hundreds of millions of children in South Asia are affected due to closure of schools amid pandemic and not having an access to devices and connections for remote learning.

iii. COLOMBIA : WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

As per an International Human rights group, Global Witness, Colombia stands as the world's most dangerous country for environmental defenders. For the Second times in a row, Andean nation experienced highest number of killings of 65 land and environmental defenders accounting to 29% of the killings worldwide.

iv. UNDP ANTICIPATES INCREASE OF POVERTY BY 97% IN AFGHANISTAN

UNDP predicts, while half of the population are already in need of Humanitarian support, about 97% of the Afghanistan's population may sink below the poverty line by year 2022 unless the political and economic turmoil are addressed.

v. TEXAS ABORTION BAN

Texas Bans the abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy which is way before women even know they are pregnant. The law allows citizens to sue abortion provider or the one who helps woman to undergo abortion.

vi. PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINE FACES CHARGE OF CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY

International Criminal Court has formally authorized an official probe into alleged crime against humanity in Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's 'war on drugs', dealing a moral victory to human rights defenders and families of victims killed, including innocent children.

vii. UN BANS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT THREATENS THE HUMAN RIGHTS

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet called for a ban on the sale and use of artificial intelligence systems that threatens the Human rights until adequate safeguards are in place to ensure the proper use of such technologies

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