

## Peaceful Registration of Nomination for Local Level Election

The nomination registration of candidates for the local level election has been completed peacefully on April 24 and 25. According to the district representatives of INSEC and province offices of INSEC, initially the number of candidates were low and it was followed by a large number of candidates on the second day. The Election Commission has published the schedule for holding the election in a single phase across the country and has also intensified its preparations.

**The number of candidates made public by the Election Commission on its website is as follows:**

### Number of Candidates from the Party

Details	Male	Female	Total
Mayor	1,894	2092	2,103
Chairperson	2,203	152	2,355
Deputy Mayor	343	1,417	1,760
Deputy Chairperson	388	1,649	2,037
Ward Chairperson	28,552	820	29,372
Female Member	-----	25,689	25,689
Female Member (Dalit)	-----	23,370	23,370
Member	50,602	2,457	53,059

### Number of Individual Candidates

Details	Male	Female	Total
Mayor	1,334	57	1,391
Chairperson	986	46	1,032
Deputy Mayor	264	132	396
Deputy Chairperson	225	139	364
Ward Chairperson	5,663	230	5,883
Female Member		759	759
Female Member (Dalit)		473	473
Member	2,306	106	2,412

### Violations of the Code of Conduct

The political parties are the most responsible government and the most responsible bodies among the various sectors that have to abide by the election code of conduct. However, since the issuance of the code of conduct, most of the violations of the code of conduct have been committed by political parties. Political parties have been violating the ban on electioneering. It is mentioned in the statement sent by the INSEC representative that such an order has appeared in most of the districts of the country.

The political parties have taken the children with them in the rallies which is against the code of conduct. T-shirts were also used. INSEC has also recorded incidents of general disputes In Siraha, the cadres of CPN-United Socialist pelted stones at the office of election, shattering its windows. One person has been injured in a clash between Maoist cadres over tickets in Hima Rural Municipality of Jumla district. The cadres of Maoist have been beaten in Charkatangsong Rural Municipality of Dolpa district. Another aspirant has attacked the UML mayoral candidate in Gaushala of Mahottari district. In Gorkha district's Gorkha Municipality, Congress cadres have beaten up their own party's mayoral candidate over the issue of ticket. In Khotang, the candidates of Nepali Congress have been beaten by their own cadres. In Sindhupalchowk, Maoist cadres have vandalized the office of the Election Officer. In Kaski, the cadres have detained the Congress officers inside the meeting room as they were not satisfied with the distribution of tickets.

### **Conclusion**

The government is the most responsible among the various sectors and agencies that have to abide the code of conduct of election. However, after the issuing of the code of conduct, the government has been violating the code of conduct the most. There have been incidents of violation of code of conduct by political parties during nomination registration. The Election Commission, which was initially adamant about adhering to the code of conduct, did not seem to interfere much in such cases on the day of registration of candidates.

Initially, the commission had issued a notice to the political parties for the publication of news but no news have been published regarding the use of children in the rallies and publicity. Although the code of conduct is not a binding law, it is the basis of measuring the ethics of a person should be aware therefore code of conduct should be consciously followed.

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