

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

1. GOVERNMENT ISSUES ORDER FOR THE FORMATION OF NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

Government of Nepal has issued 'National Land Commission Formation Order, 2021' to provide land to landless Dalits and squatters and to manage their inhabitants. Order mandates the formation of a nine-member National land commission chaired by a person in the appointment of government and at least two expert members from Dalit community and women.

2. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A grant of Rs.35.5 million has been allocated by Ministry of Women, Children, and Senior Citizens to the organizations working to operate welfare programs for disabled people in Nepal.

2011's census reveals that, around two percent of the total population of Nepal are living with some form of disabilities, around 80% of them are illiterate and around 95% of them are unemployed.

3. CITIZENSHIP FROM MOTHER'S NAME

Supreme Court of Nepal has recently ordered the authority to issue a citizenship in the name of mother.

4. WALK FOR JUSTICE

A group of 14 people walked from Nepalgunj to Kathmandu demanding effective investigation in the death of Nikuni Dhobi and Disappearance of Nirmala Kurmi. Family of the victims along with the activists staged a sit-in for 19 days in front of the District Administration Office, Banke before coming to Kathmandu.

5. NHRC DEMANDS IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATION ON MOTIPUR INCIDENT

National Human Rights Commission asked government to carry out fair and impartial investigation on Motipur's incident where four demonstrators died and approximately 60, including security persons were injured in police firing during a clash followed by land dispute between protestors and the security personnel.

6. PUBLIC FACES CRISIS DUE TO LACK OF SUBSIDIZED FOOD

Due to inadequate distribution of subsidized food by Food Management and Trading Company Ltd, general public in Dolpa are facing food crisis and are compelled to buy food items at higher prices.

7. EXPERTS STRESS ON THE NEED OF DIGITAL ACCESS TO SENIOR CITIZENS

In this digital age, experts participating in an International conference organized on the occasion of '31st

International Senior Citizens' Day' stressed on the need of ensuring equal digital access to the senior citizens.

The growing population of senior citizens, lack of effective implementation of laws, policies and action plans meant for health, security and dignified life of senior citizens, adversities facing elderly people due to various disasters and COVID-19, increasing use of digital technology during the COVID-19 crisis, inter alia, were noted out to be few reasons behind the need of equal digital access to the senior citizens.

Source: INSEConline, The Himalayan Times

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

1. A SHIP CAPTAIN SENTENCED FOR RETURNING MIGRANTS TO LIBYA

Giuseppe Sotgiu, a ship captain who handed 101 migrants to the Libyan coastguard after rescuing them in the Mediterranean Sea has been sentenced for one-year for violating International laws that forbids the forced return of people to the countries where they are at risk.

2. FIVE PEOPLE KILLED THROUGH BOW-AND-ARROW ATTACK

A 37-year-old Danish citizen who confessed killing at least five people (four women and one man between the age of 50-70) with bow-and-arrow in a small Norwegian town has been held in detention in a medical facility, as question mounted about his mental health.

3. MAPUCHE FIGHT AND STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CHILE

Mapuche, the largest indigenous population primarily from South Chile has been battling for the restoration of their ancestral lands and self-determination. At present, President has announced a state of emergency and deployed troops to two southern regions following the clash between Mapuche people and security forces.

4. SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS INJURED IN THE CLASH IN KOSOVA

According to local officials, Several Kosovo Police officials and ethnic Serb have civilians have been injured in clash that broke out during raids on suspected smugglers in a volatile area of Kosovo.

5. ECHR STATES, VATICAN CANNOT BE SUED IN A LOCAL COURT

Around 24 people brought a case of abuse and molestation against priests in Belgium. The European Court of Human Rights, on the same, has ruled that the Vatican cannot be sued in a local court for sexual abuse committed by Catholic priests. Court iterated that the Vatican enjoys sovereign immunity and misconduct of priests and their superiors cannot be attributed to the Holy See.

6. SIX PEOPLE ARRESTED IN RWANDA FOR SPREADING RUMOURS

Six people including journalist and members of an opposition party have been arrested by Rwandan authorities in the accusation of spreading rumours with the intention of starting an uprising and unrest among the population.

7. FIGHTING RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Rosa Iris, a young lawyer starts an advocacy to ensure social justice for Dominicans of Haitian descent after Dominican Republic striped the citizenship of anyone with Haitian parents.

Source: BBC, AlJazeera

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