



Human Rights Situation Update

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No Meaningful Step for Dialogue

There was no news of progress the whole day today regarding talks despite the postponement of constitution drafting and call of the three major parties to hold dialogue. Leaders of agitating sides and UCPn-M have demanded extension of constitution drafting stating that time is not enough for striking a consensus. Madhes-based parties are still not decided on talks. The agitating Samyukta Madhesi Morcha has announced that it would not sit for dialogue unless its demands are met. However, some leaders of Madhes-based parties have formally said that they are willing to hold dialogue with three major parties. Some protests held in Tarai today were peaceful. Locals said that life has been harder due to the indefinite curfew orders imposed in Jaleswar of Mahottari and Janakpur.

Highlights

- United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has expressed his concerns over the ongoing incidents of violence in Tarai. Stéphane Dujarric, Ban's spokesperson, was quoted telling reporters in New York on September 11 that the stresses the importance of dialogue and non-violence as well as respect for peaceful protest and freedom of assembly. "The Secretary-General welcomes the decision of the political parties to temporarily pause the constitution voting process. He urges all stakeholders to use this opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue," he added.
- National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has urged government, political parties and agitating sides to address the current complex situation responsibly through the medium of meaningful dialogue and talks. A press statement issued following the NHRC's emergency meeting on September 12 urged all to resolve the dispute through dialogue.
- The Madhesi Morcha cadres have torched three trucks heading for Kathmandu from Reliance sugar Factory, Manaharwa in Bara on September 12. The trucks with the number plate Na 5 Kha 2995, Na 5 Kha 8761 and Na 4 Kha 2927 were set on fire on Manwat-Matiharwa road section in Manaharwa VDC-5.
- The leaders and cadres of Madhesi Morcha who are on the streets demanding autonomous Madhes Pradesh have vandalized the house of Mithila Chaudhary in Saptari, who was nominated to the position by CPN (Samyukta). They pelted stones at the home and waved black flags on September 11 night, the legislator's daughter Raskha Chaudhary said.
- The Madhesi Morcha cadres in Rupandehi have begun targeting the private business sector already affected by ongoing continuous bandh. The attack came



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a day after the business community submitted an appeal to the leaders of the Madhesi Morcha calling for finding alternatives to the bandhs and strikes.

- The curfew imposed in Jaleshwar of Mahottari since the night of September 9 has made the public life harder. The people were already suffering because of the month-long agitation. The roads and bazaars are all empty and locals are living in fear.
- The indefinite curfew clamped by the local administration in Janakpur has been lifted for two hours – from 6 pm to 8 pm. The market places are crowded with locals to purchase daily essentials after the curfew was relaxed.
- Cadres of Madhesi Morcha have set Sector Forest Office in Mirchaiya of Siraha on fire on September 12. Chief of Forest Office Jharokhi Sah said that a group torched the office on charge of defying the bandh.
- Police have arrested four protesters, including Tarai Madhes Loktantrik Party (TMPL) lawmaker in Sarlahi, when they went to set a police station on fire at Kabilasi Police Post on September 12. TMLP CA member Jangilal Ray Yadav, TMLP cadres Binaya Karna, Avinash Sathi and Bijaya Yadav were arrested while they were trying to set the police post on fire after vandalizing it, District Police Office said.

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