## **Human Rights Situation Update**

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## **Constitution Promulgation on September 20**

More than six decade-long desire of Nepali people to draft constitution through Constituent Assembly has reached final stage. The secretariat of Constituent Assembly has unveiled the plan to promulgate the constitution at 5 pm on September 20. Secretariat has prepared to promulgate the constitution after sorting out amendment proposals, articles and annexes through voting. Dr Ram Baran Yadav would make the declaration of promulgation of the constitution. CA chairperson Subash Nembang is going to Shital Niwas on September 15 to extend invitation to make the declaration. Meanwhile, the voting on articles of the revised draft constitution Bill 2072 is going on. On September 13, article 1, 2 and 3 were endorsed. On September 14, 54 articles have been endorsed.

Meanwhile, the agitation in Tarai-Madhes in still ongoing even though the timetable to promulgate the constitution has been made public. Comared to previous days, there have been less violent activities. The local administration in some places have still imposed curfew citing unsatisfactory security situation.

## **Highlights**

- An unidentified group has hurled petrol bomb at the house of photo journalist of 'The Himalayan Times' and operator of www.yatradaily.com Ram Sarraf in Birgunj on September 13.
- Police have arrested 25 protestors from Maisthan of Birgunj at around 10 am on September 14. Police arrested the protestors who were staging protests taking advantage of the time that curfew had been lifted from 9 to 11 am.
- Petrol bomb has been hurled at the house of CPN-UML Constituent Assembly member Kamala Devi Mahato. According to District Police Office, Sarlahi, the bomb was hurled at Mahato's house in Malangawa-10 at around 8 pm on September 13.
- Police have arrested five leaders of parties affiliated to the Samyukta Loktantrik Madhesi Morcha from Gaura Municipality on September 14.
- The public life has been affected by the bandh going on for over a month in Udaypur. People are reeling under the shortage of LPG gas and food items as the vehicular movements have come to a halt.
- The curfew in Jaleshwar continued on the sixth day today. It was lifted from 6 to 9 am and 4 to 6 pm.
- Sanghiya Limbuwan Party's central chairperson Kumar Lingden has warned of armed conflict if the legitimate demands of the Janjatis were not incorporated in the constitution. Lingden was speaking at a mass assembly jointly organized by



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six organizations including Sanghiya Limbuwan Party, Sanghiya Samajbadi Forum and Kirant Yakthum Chumlung at Basantpur Bazaar on September 14.

- Three policemen have been injured when a team of policemen came under attack
  of the Madhesi Morcha cadres in Garuda on September 14. The policemen had
  arrived in Garuda to remove the road obstructions placed by the Morcha cadres.
  Area Police Office's Inspector Santu Prasad Jaiswar, ASI Himal Thapa and ASI
  Bhakta Bahadur Thapa were injured when hit by stones and slingshots. They
  received treatment at Gurda Hospital.
- Police have filed homicide case against 21 in connection of the violence that erupted in Tikapur on August 24.
- CDO Mohan Bahadur Chapagain said that the curfew order imposed in Dhangahdi and Tikapur since August 25 would remain in effect for the festival of Teej too.
- Former CA member and Sanghiya Socialist Forum Nepal's central committee member Baban Singh has expressed that three journalists of Rautahat should be set on fire after being doused in petrol. Singh, during his interview to Kohinoor FM in Gaur on September 14 evening, said that Shiva Puri of Kantipur daily, Madan Thakur of Nagarik daily and and Gautam Shrestha of Avenues Television should be set ablaze.
- Pro-Hindu state demonstrators have held demonstration at Naya Baneshwar after the amendment proposal in the draft constitution to declare Nepal as Hindu State was rejected in the CA. The supporters of Rastriya Prajatantra Party-Nepal Hindu Jagaran Nepal led by Khum Bahadur Khadka and Kamal Nayanarchya group held demonstration on September 14.

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