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## **Human Rights Situation Update**

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### **Countdown for Constitution Begins**

The Constituent Assembly (CA) has endorsed 176 of 302 Articles of the constitution bill as of September 15 evening. The meeting of CA has been put off till 10:30 am on September 16. The CA rejected the amendment proposal on reinstating monarchy registered by Chairperson of Rastriya Prajatantra Party-Nepal Kamal Thapa in today's meeting. The meet also secured Prime Minister as executive head and president as Head of the State both to be elected by parliament.

Meanwhile, protests in Tarai Madhes are ongoing despite the onset of the day to promulgate constitution. Curfew has been eased in some districts where security situation has improved while in some parts, prohibitory order has been extended. The government has called on Tharuhat/Tharuwan Joint Struggle Committee to sit for talks in a letter.

### **Highlights**

- A 10-year-old boy has been killed when police opened fire at protestors following a clash in Bethari of Rupandehi on September 15.
- Supreme Court on September 15 has issued an interim order in the name of government and the security forces not to use expired tear gas shells and gases with poisonous chemicals while trying to control riots.
- The government has sent a letter to the agitating Tharuhat/Tharuwan Joint Struggle Committee on September 15 inviting them talks.
- Nepal Army has said that it would return to barracks after completing its duty in the riot-hit zones declared by local administration.
- Dipak Biswakarma of Tikapur Municipality-9 has been injured when police opened fire at him on charge of defying curfew orders in the night of September 14. Biswakarma has sustained bullet to his left shoulder.
- According to DIG Madhav Nepal, security personnel opened fire near the Tikapur Buspark after Biswakarma, who was riding motorcycle, did not follow police orders to stop.
- Police have arrested more than a dozen protestors from Adarshnagar in Birgunj in the morning of September 15 as they were staging protests defying order of riot-hit zone.
- Three policemen of Area Police Office Surunga have been injured when an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) they were taking to the police office went off on September 15. The policemen were carrying the IED to the police office to defuse it. An unidentified group had planted it at the Swatantra Battitasa Club in the night of September 14. An unidentified group detonated socket bomb at the Jyoti Church in Damak Municipality-10 at 11.30 pm on September 14. Similarly,

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another bomb was detonated at Immanuel Osarian Church in Khajurgachi VDC-6 at around 11.15 on September 14.

- Curfew order and riot-hit area imposed in Janakpur has been lifted from 9 am on September 15. The meeting of District Security Committee held today morning decided to lift the curfew order and riot-hit zone to allow the final rites of the three protestors killed in police firing on September 11 be performed.
- Police have arrested Joint General Secretary of Tarai Madhes Democratic Party Jitendra Sonal and District Chairperson Nabal Kishor Singh from Nitampur, Bara on September 15 on charge of forcefully shutting down factories, food godown and torching trucks ready for dispatch.
- Joint funeral procession of six persons who were killed in police firing during the protest against delineation have been held in Jaleshwar on September 15.
- The funeral procession, taken out seven days after the incident, was attended by thousands. Final rites of the three protestors who were killed in police firing in Janakpur on September 11 have been held. Bodies of the deceased were taken around Janakpur city before their bodies were cremated at Mujeliya chok.

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