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## Press Note

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### Truth and Reconciliation Commission, just Complimentary to Criminal Justice: NHRC

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairperson Justice Kedar Nath Upadhyay called upon the Inspector General of Nepal Police Kuber Singh Rana to the Commission to inquire about the media report published a few days ago in connection with the latter's alleged instruction to subordinate police offices to not proceed with any war-time crimes.

Speaking at the meeting with the IGP Rana, Chairperson Upadhyay said that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) can not be an alternative for the regular criminal justice system against the crimes against human rights.

Adding that the TRC is just complementary to the criminal justice system, Chairperson stressed that the legal proceeding against the cases of criminal nature should not be impeded in the name of proposed TRC.

On the occasion, urging to respect the right to life of arrestees, Member Justice Ram Nagina Singh reminded about the complaints relating to the number of complaints concerning 'fake encounters' and deaths in the country.

Similarly, stating that there is a need to wipe out the history of impunity, Member Gauri Pradhan said that existing criminal justice system cannot be sidelined at all in the name of TRC.

He added that it is astonishing to have discovered the double standard of the Government that it does not need the TRC for the withdrawal of cases whereas when it comes to advancing legal proceeding, the role of TRC is revived.

In reply, IGP Rana refuted media reports that he had never directed his subordinate offices to stop proceedings with war-era crimes and clarified that as an institutional head, he would never dare to issue such instruction to his subordinates in a manner that might influence the case. He assured that his institution is committed to human rights and the rule of law.

On the occasion, NHRC directed Nepal Police to institutionalize human rights training and behavior within the organization by adopting human rights friendly investigation process.

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