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## Press Note

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### Newly appointed NHRC Office-Bearers Assume Office

### **Commitment expressed for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights**

LALITPUR: The newly appointed Chairperson, Anup Raj Sharma and the Member Commissioners Prakash Osti, Sudip Pathak, Mohana Ansari and Govinda Sharma Paudyal of the National Human Rights Commission have assumed their office after being sworn-in on Monday.

Earlier, in the presence of President Ram Baran Yadav and Prime Minister Sushil Koirala, Chief Justice Ram Kumar Prasad Sah had administered the oath of office and secrecy to the newly appointed Chairperson of the NHRC Anup Raj Sharma. Sharma later administered the oath to members of the Commission Prakash Chandra Wosti, Mohana Ansari, Govinda Sharma Paudyal and Sudeep Pathak respectively amidst a ceremony held at the President's Office in Maharajgunj on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

On the occasion, Minister of Law, Justice, Constituent Assembly and Parliamentary Affairs Narahari Acharya, Chief Secretary of the Government of Nepal Lilamani Poudyal, Chief of Army Staff Gaurav Shumsher JB Rana, other high ranking officials of the constitutional bodies of the government were also present.

The Constitutional Council had approved the recommendations on the appointment of the Officials to the NHRC through the 'Parliament Hearing Special Committee' (PHSC) on October 17, 2014. The appointees were nominated by the Constitutional Council on September 18, 2014.

Upon assuming the office today, Chairperson Anup Raj Sharma, addressing to the media, human rights defenders and the representatives of the civil society, pointed out that all should adopt the democratic culture and put an end to the political uncertainty for the protection and promotion of human rights in the country. He added that he would put in every effort to exploit all options to have support pledged from media, human rights defenders and international community for the implementation of the NHRC recommendations.



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The newly appointed officials have extended their gratitude to hon. President Dr. Ram Baran Yadav in the meeting held today.

Similarly, work division was also assigned to the newly appointed office-bearers in the meeting held today.

All the state authorities of the Government of Nepal (GoN), security agencies, civil society, human rights workers, political parties, journalists as well as all stakeholders have been appealed for the support towards the protection and promotion of human rights.

Likewise, a recommendation has been made in the meeting urging to take action against the accused and to make the arrangements for the provision of compensation and reparation amounting NRS 300, 000 each to the victims' families after discussions held on two complaints with regard to the incidents of human rights violations as mentioned below:

- A) With regard to the incident of alleged disappearance and killing of Top Bahadur Ale Magar of Dhairung Village Development Committee (VDC), Ward – 9 of Gorkha district by erstwhile Royal Nepal Army on October 26, 2004.
- B) With regard to the incident of killing of the three Army personnel namely Padam Bahadur Bista, Ram Bhagat Ale and Chetnath Puri of then Royal Nepal Army by the rebels of the then CPN (Maoists) while they were deployed in regular patrolling at Kavre Bhanjyang of Kavre VDC, Ward-4 of Kavrepalanchok district on February 27, 2007.

The Commission will give special priority to the following existing perennial issues in order to effectively accomplish the responsibilities for the respect, protection and promotion of human rights:

1. Realizing the need of inevitable high moral support of the staff members, the first and foremost priority will be given to resolving the perennial problem of the work force contributing their service on temporary or contractual basis.
2. Expedite with priority the dispensing of decisions on the complaints of human rights violations by intensifying monitoring that had remained dormant due to the lack of officials for a long time.



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3. Accepting the fact about the significant role played by the media in the promotion of human rights, utmost effort will be made to strengthen the relationship with mainstream media in a transparent manner.
4. Priority will be given to strengthen collaboration and cooperation with civil society, international organizations and agencies working in the field of human rights promotion.
5. Will devise and publicize the Six Year Strategic Plan soon and actively engage in accomplishing it.

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