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Dailekh Incident, an Untoward Episode: NHRC

It is saddening to observe the dispute between the ruling and the opposition parties regarding whether or not to advance the legal proceeding of the murderer of journo Dekendra Thapa as per the prevalent criminal law.

Underestimating the local situation, the statement of the ruling party and the tendency of the opposition party to obstruct the leaders of UCPN (Maoist) to enter into the district to attend the district convention is responsible for inviting the situation of confrontation, as per the preliminary report of the incident.

At the same time, it is reprehensible to have found the vandalizing of the office belonging to the UCPN (Maoist) due to the agitating circumstances ignited by the police intervention on the peaceful demonstration and general people.

Equally deplorable is the abusing of the media persons and vandalizing of the local communication house involved in the movement demanding the action against the murderer of scribe Thapa.

NHRC team has proceeded to the district headquarter of Dailekh for further investigation on the latest development of the incident.

The Commission, therefore, urges all the concerned parties for the arrangement of the appropriate treatment to be provided to the injured of the Dailekh incident, to protect the lives and properties and create an environment conducive for the human rights activists to discharge their duties without any undue panic, advance or to cause advance the investigation and court process with regard to the murder of Dekendra Thapa through legal proceeding and also to give a logical end to the existing political impasse through dialogue.

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