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National Human Rights Alliance Consultant Meeting

17th August, 2022

On 17th August 2022 the National Human Rights Consultant Meeting was organised to discuss the upcoming program of Human Rights Alliance. The session was chaired by Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi, the chairperson of Human Rights and moderated by Mr. Bidur Subedi, Secretary General of the organisation. We had 17 consultants in total and 2 of them were not able to attend the meeting. This session was a discussion session. The main focus of this program was to focus on the upcoming Human Rights Alliance program and the election and the concept of the program as well. As per these meeting, discussions, every member should be connected to one another. Another point is that our unity should be strong. We should step ahead from the alliance and do something even bigger. Alliance is an active organisation and it has always been active. We are always there to support and help. Furthermore, Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi concluded the consultant meeting by saying that to all of you who have openly helped and supported us.

Concerns of citizens in Transitional Justice Issues

20th July, 2022



On 20th July 2022, National Alliance for Human Rights and Social Justice – Nepal (Human Rights Alliance) organized a consultative discussion on ‘The Concerns of Citizens in Transitional Justice Issues’ among senior human rights defenders, experts, civil society representatives, victim representatives and social activists. There were over 30 participants engaged in the discussion concluded at Alfa House, Baneshwor. The event was coordinated by Human Rights Alliance in order to discuss the key concerns regarding the

new Bill introduced at the Parliament to amend the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Act 2014. Around 70 conflict victim organizations and human rights organizations have jointly demanded to withdraw the bill which has serious flaws and provisions undermining justice for the conflict victims. In this context, Human Rights Alliance organized this event to discuss how the concerned organizations can act to prevent injustice to the victims. Some key speakers in the discussion were Advocate Raju Chapagain (leading activist for conflict victims), Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit (Senior Journalist), Mr. Subodh Pyakurel (leading human rights activist), Mr. Arjun Bhattarai (Secretary General, NGO Federation), Ms. Purna Shova Chitrakar (senior activist) and victim representatives (Mr. Bhawani Prasad Kharel, Mr. Suman Adhikari and Ms. Devi Sunwar).

In this issue, we discussed the ongoing situation in Nepal regarding the issue of Transitional Justice, especially in the context of proposed bill for Amendment to the TRC Act, 2014. This discussion was organized to discuss how we can move ahead to support the concerns of justice and victims, and also the role of human rights and civil society. The perspective of the Human Rights Alliance is that the Bill should focus on providing justice to conflict victims and their right to justice should not be constricted by any means. It is very important to view transitional justice from a Human Rights perspective. Furthermore, promoting a culture of impunity is not victim friendly, and in an attempt to close the pending issue, justice should not be compromised at any cost. After the closing remarks, the program was formally ended by Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi by thanking all the participants and guests for their time and input.

National Alliance for Human Rights and Social Justice Establishment Day

13th July, 2022

Human Rights Alliance establishment day was organised in different districts and provinces. The Human Rights establishment day program was huge and successful in every district and provinces where the program was organised. In Bagmati province the establishment program was attended by our CPN UML chairperson Mr. KP Sharma Oli and other party leaders as well. The program was organised in Alfa Beta, Baneshwor. Here are some glimpses of establishment day programs organised in different districts and provinces.



HRA Kathmandu, Bhaktapur and Lalitpur



HRA Dolakha



HRA Gandaki and Kaski



HRA Jhapa

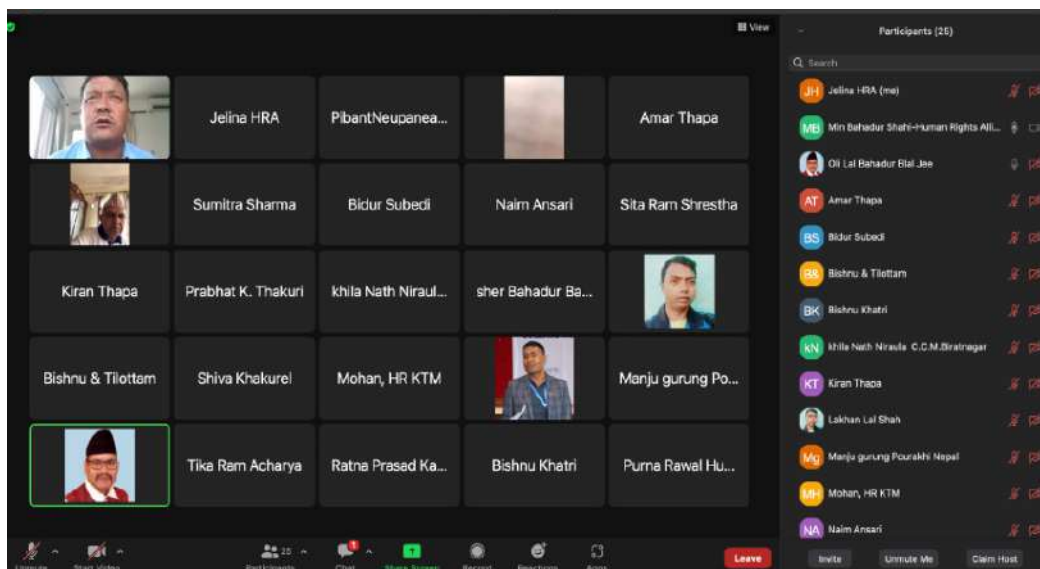
HRA Central Committee Meeting

1st July, 2022

On 1st July 2022, Human Rights organised a meeting via zoom platform with all the central committee members to discuss the establishment day program of Human Rights Alliance that is going to be held on 29th of Ashar. There were 25. The meeting was categorised to briefly plan about the establishment day program that is going to be held in different provinces and districts of Nepal by the Human Rights Alliance. The meeting was chaired by the chairperson of Human Rights Alliance, Mr.

Min Bahadur Shahi and their discussion was moderated by Mr. Bidur Subedi, Secretary General of the organization. In the central committee meeting, the ideas and preparation was discussed for the upcoming establishment day program and also the program arrangements that have been finalized in different provinces. It was an open discussion and all the incharge from different provinces were at the central committee meeting. Everyone shared their ideas and planning for the establishment

day. There will be a program by the Human Rights Alliances that will be held in different provinces and districts. The program will be huge and different party leaders will also be invited on the program. Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi concluded the meeting by saying more meetings should be scheduled before the program, every member should be active for the program and the program should be a success.



Consultation Workshop on the Presentation of the draft situation Report on COVID 19 Vaccination status in Nepal and South Asia

24th June, 2022

On 24th June 2022, Human Rights Alliance organized a consultation workshop on the presentation of the draft situation report on COVID vaccination status in Nepal and South Asia. The consultative workshop was organized in order to consult on and finalize the draft of the COVID 19 and Vaccination Status Report of South Asia. One of the objectives of the 'Campaign on Just and Equitable Distribution of COVID 19 Vaccines' that Human Rights Alliance is coordinating was to prepare a situation report on the status of COVID 19 and vaccination in South Asia, the first draft of the report was presented during this session where the experts shared their comments, concerns and provided feedback to the researcher for finalization of the report. The study was

led by Dr. Sanjay Hamal who presented the key highlights of the report to the close group of experts attending the session.

The key presenter was Dr. Sanjay Hamal and the guests and experts for feedback present in the session were Mr. Som Niroula (ASD), Mr. Arjun Bhattarai (People's Vaccine Alliance), Dr. Netra Prasad Timsina (SAAPE Regional Coordinator), Ms. Geeta Pandey (Fight Inequality Campaign), Mr. Praman Adhikari (SAAPE Program Coordinator) and members of the Secretariat. The main objective of the session was to provide feedback on the study report prepared by Dr. Sanjay Hamal.

Dr. Hamal briefly presented the key highlights and findings of the report and it

was followed by an open floor discussion where the experts provided feedback and suggestions to the report. Overall, all the guests and experts appreciated the report and commended Dr. Hamal for preparing a comprehensive and informative report. Some key suggestions added were to include some human stories to make the report more relatable, to focus on the role of civil society since it is a report prepared by a non-governmental organization and to incorporate key issues of global vaccine politics to make the report more comprehensive. Dr. Hamal agreed to try and incorporate as many suggestions as possible to the report. Finally, Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi concluded the session and expressed hope that the final report would be concluded as soon as possible.



Policy Dialogue to discuss the Post-COVID Recovery policies and budget policy of Nepal



6th June, 2022

On 6th June 2022, Human Rights Alliance organized a policy dialogue at Hotel Kutumba, Lalitpur, with former diplomats, members of parliament and Nepal Planning Commission and civil society leaders to discuss the current plans and policies of the government regarding post-COVID recovery and the fiscal policies and priorities of the government. The session was chaired by Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi, the chairperson of Human Rights Alliance and moderated by Mr. Bidur Subedi.

The chief guest of the session was Dr. Pushpa Raj Kandel. Dr. Kandel stressed on the need to address the economy of Nepal because Nepal is on the verge of a massive economic crisis. The key speaker was Dr. Dilli Raj Khanal who shared about the

current fiscal policy of the government. He noted that Nepal is on the verge of an economic crisis and has incurred a huge foreign debt which is very concerning. Asymmetrical price hike on every goods and services is another concern for Nepal in the current context according to him. After Dr. Khanal a brief presentation on the analysis of the recent local elections was presented by Dr. Yogendra Gurung, Professor of Tribhuvan University.

After the two presentations, the floor was open for discussion. Dr. Bimala Rai Paudyal noted that the current budget was not properly planned and is problematic. Dr. Krishna Prasad Oli, Dr. Prem Dangal, Dr. Uma Jha, Dr. Netra Prasad Timsina, Mr. Gauri Pradhan, Mr. Subodh Pyakurel and Dr. Giridhari Poudyal also shared their thoughts on the subject matter. The discussion was finally closed by Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi.

HRA Central Committee Meeting

31st May, 2022

On 31st May 2022, Human Rights Alliance Central Committee Meeting was concluded on 31st May 2022 at Siddhartha Cottage, Dhobighat. The central committee meeting was organized to discuss the progress of the organization since the 5th Convention, to discuss the preparations for Human Rights Alliance establishment day and to prepare a final strategic plan for the organization. The main objective of the discussion was to identify the key roles and responsibilities of the Human Rights Alliance in the upcoming days. The meeting was chaired by the chairperson of Human Rights Alliance, Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi and the discussion was moderated by Mr. Bidur Subedi, Secretary General of the organization.

The progress of the organization till date was shared by Mr. Bidur Subedi. Regarding the preparation for Human Rights Alliance establishment day, the floor was open for round table discussion. The key points agreed upon were that each individual district and province will prepare their own plans for the day and at the central level the three districts Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur will organize a single grand event. The second half of the discussion focused on the preparation of a strategic plan for the organization. The round table discussion focused on identifying the key themes and agreed to finalize them in the next meeting. A drafting committee was formed to finalize the final draft of the strategic plan till then. Mr. Min Bahadur Shahi summarized the agreements made in the meeting and announced the closing of the meeting.



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