

21 April 2006

Her Excellency Louise Arbour
High Commissioner
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Geneva
Switzerland

Subject: **Appeal for Action against the Perpetrator**

Your Excellency,

We believe that your Nepal Mission office has been updating you on the deteriorating human rights situation in Nepal and are writing to you to express our deep concern on the extreme repressive actions of His Majesty's Government on Thursday, 20 April 2006. The Government has demonstrated its utter disrespect for human rights and humanitarian principles by committing a number of grave violations.

Most importantly, the Government did not permit ambulances and Red Cross vehicles to provide emergency medical services to those injured in the clashes. As such, civilians who were shot injured and repeatedly beaten by the security forces could not receive immediate medical treatment, even resulting in the loss of life. Your Excellency, it is needless to highlight that such impositions are carried out by only the most repressive regimes on Earth, and we are afraid the king's Government may have set a record by inhibiting Nepali peoples' right to life.

Secondly, the Government did not issue permits during curfew hours to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as is mandatory as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of Nepal and your good office. It similarly prevented the National Human Rights Commission from executing their statutory duties by not issuing permits and, likewise, other non-governmental human rights organisations were also prevented from monitoring the situation. This seriously prevented the OHCHR, NHRC and many other human rights organisations from monitoring the human rights situation during the peaceful demonstrations and the government repression against it, thus the human rights violations went unreported.

Finally, the Government refused to issue permits to journalists who attempted to report on the demonstrations of the people. As such, the people of Nepal were deprived of accurate and reliable information, a right which is guaranteed by the Constitution.

An assessment of the Government actions make it obvious that His Majesty's Government had deliberately planned for repression, on 20 April 2006, to the people who were peacefully demonstrating for the reinstatement of democracy. As such, we, the former Commissioners of the National Human Rights Commission, appeal your Excellency to draw the urgent attention of the Secretary General to take urgent action

against the authorities responsible for such inhuman actions through the Security Council.

With our sincere appreciation of your Excellency's continued support for protection of human rights, we remain

Yours sincerely,



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