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A Call to Act and Reflect: NHRC Releases Report on the Gen-Z Protest

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) released the long-awaited report on human rights violations that occurred during the Gen-Z protests of September 8 and 9, 2026, following an investigation by a special committee. Relaying its findings to the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, the report probes the government by calling for an extensive review of layered discrepancies in its investigations.

The report documents the casualties and conditions resulting from the protests, concluding that multiple human rights violations occurred throughout the events. It cites breaches of fundamental and international human rights by government actors, security forces, media, protestors, and other involved groups that contributed to escalating violence and destruction. [Here](#)

The report also recommends investigating the roles of protestors, political leaders, partisans, scholars, and influencers to ensure accountability for the consequences of the protests. It highlights extensive public and private property damage across Nepal and notes that the initially peaceful demonstrations were allegedly infiltrated by third parties, a matter that remains unexamined by the government.

A “security vacuum” is cited as the major factor in the failure, whereby, under the authority of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, and the Home Ministry collectively failed to take timely, sensitive, adequate, and effective security measures to manage and defuse the protest. The report, therefore, confirms a significant lack of accountability from the government.

Here are the major recommendations from the report:

- **Implement New Prosecution Legislation:** The government should enact retroactive laws to prosecute identified political leaders, including the former Prime Minister, Home Minister, and Minister of Information and Communications, for crimes against humanity and human rights violations. This should include penalties, fines, and disqualification from holding public or administrative office.
- **Initiate Departmental Action:** Strict departmental measures must be taken against security officials, government authorities, the Armed Police Force, influencers, and other stakeholders identified as having played a major role in inciting the protests.
- **Provide Compensation and Healthcare:** The government must ensure financial compensation for the families of the martyrs, including arson victims and inmates. Additionally, it should guarantee free lifelong medical treatment, care, and employment opportunities for the injured.
- **Conduct Regulated Investigations:** The government should conduct rooted investigations into the instigating parties and organizers who allegedly infiltrated the protests, particularly addressing how a peaceful protest initially involving hundreds of people escalated into a large-scale violent protest involving thousands of people.

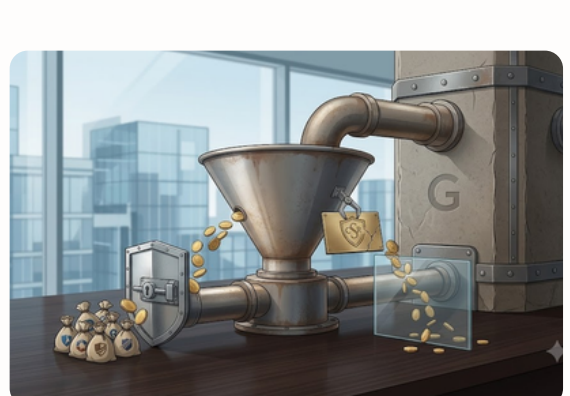
While the Commission has called for actionable steps within six months, doubts persist over the government’s willingness to investigate former state officials, media figures, and activists named in the report. Contradictions in testimonies and evidence further expose serious negligence by the previous administration. Ultimately, however, the report’s relevance will depend on whether the new government accepts and implements its recommendations, particularly investigations into the alleged human rights violations and implicated actors. Meanwhile, the government has yet to publish the Karki Commission Report, mandated to conduct a broader investigation into the Gen-Z protests. This continued inaction by the government in addressing the violations committed during the Gen-Z protests raises serious concerns about political will and accountability. [Read More](#)

Weekly Snapshot



- **Nepal government set to postpone LDC graduation:** Nepal has formally requested the United Nations (UN) to defer its graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category until 2029. Citing its economic setbacks, the Foreign Minister has stated that the lasting effects of COVID-19, global political tensions, declining remittances, and inflation in food and energy have led to the delay. Under the risk of losing its duty-free and quota-free trade privileges after graduation, the government admits its unpreparedness for a smooth transition strategy. [Read More](#)

Centralization of CSR funds opposed by businesses: Private businesses, banks, and financial institutions have criticized the government’s plan to centralize corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds accrued. The government intends to channel the funds into livelihood programs for low-income communities, rural women, persons with disabilities, and other marginalized groups. The plan stems from the “Professional Social Responsibility Implementation Procedures 2025” issued by the government in May which follows a welfare-driven policy to systematize CSR contributions and ensure direct investment towards priority sectors. [Read More](#)



MOFA launches a new app for consular service: As an expansion to the existing online complaint system, Nepal’s Foreign Ministry has introduced the “MoFa Mitra” app to help Nepalis abroad communicate directly with embassies and missions, file grievances, seek assistance, and track inquiries. It supports services such as insurance and compensation claims, body repatriation, and search and rescue coordination. Through this digital initiative, the government aims to ensure accessible, efficient, and prompt consular services for Nepali citizens and their families living worldwide. [Read More](#)

- **Health insurance services suspended in private hospitals:** The health insurance board has suspended health insurance services across 36 private hospitals and medical colleges due to a growing financial crisis. This decision affects about 30,000 patients daily who rely on insurance for treatment at private facilities. Furthermore, 2200 employees managing the insurance programs have lost their jobs. Executive Director Shakuntala Prajapati explained that the board receives claims worth 2.5 billion rupees monthly, with 8 billion rupees in pending payments. Unable to handle the financial burden, they were forced to take this step. [Read more](#)



- **Cooperative Scam Report: Action Against Officials:** The government has released a new report on the cooperative crisis. It recommends 108 cooperatives without proper scrutiny. The report blames weak regulation and profit-driven operators for the crisis and suggests confiscating the properties of guilty officials and board members to repay depositors. It also proposes dissolving the current cooperative department and establishing a powerful National Cooperative Regulatory Authority, supported by Nepal Rastra Bank, to strengthen oversight. [Read More](#)

STORIES ON GROUND: WHAT WE SAW

Young/Gen -Z observers – real and unfiltered ground realities

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