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Dialogue between Maoist Combatants and Community People at Rolpa



Human Rights Protection and Legal Service Center (HRPLSC) organized Media mobile camp at fifth division of Dahan Cantonment of Rolpa district on the topic of “Reconciliation between combatant and community people”. The interaction was organized between the community people and Maoist combatants . The Nepal government has facilitated to regrouping of Maoist combatant. For this , the Nepal government has agreed with political parties on the 7 points of agreements that is Integration and Rehabilitation of combatants , Group Division, Formation of commissions as per consensus, Relief aid etc.

HRPLSC has been supporting to the key three areas in the peace process. (I) Promoting reconciliation between Maoist combatants and community peoples . (II) Monitoring and facilitation to return of seized land (III) sensitization and increased participation of community people in constitution making process .

The objective of the program is to make peaceful and trustworthy environment at the community level after the regrouping process because of many of the former combatants are returning to their homes and community. The program also focused how to seek the contribution of the combatants in the development of the community and social transformation. HRPLSC organized one day media mobile camp on the dated of 17November 2011 in which there were 70 participants from Maoist combatants and 40 were from the community members of Rolpa district. The officer of Fifth Division Maoist commander, local political party members and women activists chaired as guests and other remained as active participants of the two way interactions. Mr. Netra KC, journalist of BBC MWDR facilitated the session where as Mr. Top Bahadur khadka, Program Manager of HRPLSC highlighted the program objective to the participants.

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HRPLSC Supports to Peace Process at Community Level

Consensus created through the Monitoring of Seized Land

Human Right Protection and Legal Service Center team monitored the case of seized land at Dang. The monitoring team visited in Hekuli, Hapur VDCs and Tulsipur municipality of Dang district and interacted with the peoples those lands were seized by the Maoist party members. The Maoist had agreed to the party line to return the land and property seized by the Maoists but still there are no sign of returning land to the owners. On the other side, there was a verbal agreement that the land would be leased out to those who are currently occupying it if the owners themselves don't work it. It was found that the landowners are still not getting the food grains of their land since the 10 years even after the Maoist decision. Return of seized land and property is one of the conditions the parties had agreed upon while signing the seven-point deal the party faction has been objecting to it.

The monitoring team visited on 30 November and 1 December 2011 to the Dang district. Many of the landlords of Nepal have been practicing tenancy where the tenant and the landlord shared the proceeds equally. So, an interaction was organized with joint participation of land owners, local journalists and local tenants. The monitoring team has monitored the situation of the land seized, the land lord have been getting the share of production or not, the relationship between the tenants, the direction of the Maoist party. The team met 40 local tenants those who have been working in the farms and 8 landlords on the spot. The team also met with landlords whose lands were seized by Maoist and the land lords have been residing at Tulsipur municipality. It was found that there was a raised conflict between the two types of tenants; the first one those who had been ploughing on the land from generations and the second one is arranged tenants by Maoists.



The tenants arranged by Maoist have been capturing the land to the old tenants. It was found that after the party decision to return the seized land even though the tenants didn't ready to return the land. Similarly, the rightful owner of land at the Hapur VDC of Dang district expressed that the Maoist came to claim the share of the production. HRPLSC facilitated the two way interaction of the land owner and Maoist party representatives at the village. In the presence of community people, the meeting was arranged and the Maoist party agreed to equal share of the production to the some of the land owners at Hapur VDC.

The team visited Tulsipur municipality land owners and Hekuli VDC land owners and inquired about the information. On the other side, the old tenants were ready to quit the land but they are demanding compensation from the state. When the monitoring team interacted with the land owners and tenants, they expressed that the conversation between the land lord and tenants are being in a row but the state is indifference towards the issue. They shared that the local administration also described the return of seized land as a complicated task to execute. So, the HRPLSC monitoring team also met with CDO and briefed the situation with him. As a result, the CDO assured the team that he has been involving in the discussion on the matter. Next day, the team interacted with some of the political party leaders on the issues.

As a result, some of the Maoist and land owners agreed on the common consensus of sharing the proceeds equally. The people aware on the rights of the citizens, and monitoring team succeeded to hold the attention of the administration about the seized land issues and its complexity. Executive chief Top Bahadur Khadka, Program officer Tek Rana, Durga KC Kantipur journalist, local journalists and facilitators Santosh Dahit and Anita Pokhrel visited the Dang.

Bridged the gap between CA members and People through democratic dialogue programs



Nepal is undergoing a complex transition phase due to the most dilemmatic situation of making constitution. Although, it is already completion of four years of formation of the constitution body but still the effort is pending. The constitution assembly is considered as the most progressive development of transformation of liberal democracy into people's control. At present, Nepal's Parliament amended the interim constitution for the 11th time extending the constituent assembly's (CA) tenure by six more months and general people are afraid of not getting constitution timely.

The constitution making process is pending due to various reasons. the citizens are becoming unaware of the information and disagreement between the party regarding various matters. There was gap between the dialogue between the community people and the CA members so, the dialogue program supported to fill the gap between the community members and CA members to create an environment of dialogue and sharing.

HRPLSC/SPCBN project has been supporting to excluded and disadvantaged communities in the development of the new Nepali constitution. There was arising the gap between the CA members and community people in the discussion of the constitution making process.

There was need to fulfill the gap between the CA members and marginalized groups of peoples .In the mean times there are confusion and fear among the general public about federal structures either it will be on the basis of geography or linguistic base and others.

The dialogue program was necessary in the district level with the active participation of CA members. HRPLSC organized constitution area level dialogue program in the district of Mid and Far west Development Region. The 13 events of Democratic Dialogue programs were organized in area levels programs at Surkhet, Salyan, Rukum, Rolpa, Jajarkot ,pyuthan and Dailekha districts. The local political party members, journalists, loktantrik women forum, women activists, single women members, students of college levels, teachers of higher secondary school, representatives of media , members from lady Jaycees and other different committees participated in the dialogue programs. There are a total of 14 events of dialogue programs were organized with the active participation of CA members in the districts. Similarly, 14 episodes of Ragio programs were produced and aired through 5 FM of Rapti zone and other FM station of the program district. The issues covered in the radio programs were related to constitution making programs.

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Celebrated International Human Rights Day at Rapti Zone

Human Rights Protection and Legal Service Center celebrated different programs on 63 th International Human Rights Day at 5 districts of Rapti zone.

In Rolpa district, the human rights activists organized rally with play cards and delivered the messages. In the evening, candles were lighted by different government and non government organizations. Likewise, the HR organizations demonstrated the banner of showing the messages of human rights. The banners were demonstrated in the different center places of the district headquarter Liwang. At the end of the program, the political party and human rights activists showed commitment for the elimination of human rights. The political party expressed that the culture of impunity has been increasing and it is deep rooted in the society. The activists also honored Tara Bahadur Khadka, a local residence for his contribution in the 2006 Democracy movement in Nepal.

In Pyuthan, the Human Rights day was celebrated by organizing interaction programs and rally, NGOs representatives of Amnesty International, INSEC, and Human rights Networks expressed their views on promotions of human rights. The Human rights activists also lighted the 63 candles.

In Dang, the Human rights activists organized rally with banner and play card demonstration about the importance of human rights in daily life. The participants also expressed their views regarding impunity and its effect on the life of the general people. The speakers expressed the situation is somehow improving but it is not at all good. The CA member Rashmi Nepali has expressed her views. Likewise, a press conference was also organized on the topic of human rights violation in 2011 and abolition of rights in Dang district.

In Rukum, Human Rights Day was celebrated by organizing rally at the headquarter and interaction program. In the Program, CDO and other participants showed their commitment to raise voice for human rights violation cases.

In Salyan District, HRPLSC and BEE- group has jointly honored 3 human rights defenders who have been performing good effort in the promotions of Human Rights; The CDO and CA members also thanked them for their contribution. Along with this, a rally was also organized at the Khalanga.

In Nepalgunj, HRPLSC jointly organized International Human Rights Day with Network members. The local journalists supported for the news coverage and press release program and helped activists organize peaceful protest movements.



Morning rally at Rukum District



Honored Human Rights Defenders at Salyan



Celebrating HR Day at Dang

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The program was organized in Rukum on 4 and 5 December 2011. The program was organized at Liwang headquarter area number 1 and in Chiwang VDC area number 2. The CA member Ms. Sita Pokhrel has participated in the programs and briefed about the progress till now and challenges ahead. The participants raised different questions about the delay in constitution making process and they warned that CA members shouldn't return to their hometown until their task will be accomplished.

In Salyan district, the dialogue program was organized on 2 and 8 December 2011 separately. The program was organized in Tharmare and Sitalpati and CA member Mr. Umakant Sharma and Dherendra Shrestha actively participated in the program. They mainly briefed about the structure of federal state, judicially systems etc. The participants raised their concern that the state shouldn't be federal according to the caste based. They expressed their opposition to ethnic-based federalism as a ploy to dismantle national identity. CA member Mr. Dherendra Shrestha briefed that it was a long time gap for them to interact face to face to the general public so he found it as an opportunity and forum to share his views.

In Rolpa district, the democratic dialogue program was organized on 2 December 2011. CA member Ms. Rima Nepali briefed about the present context of making constitution and answered the people questions. The participants raised their concern about inclusion of the agenda of dalit, women and ethnic peoples.

In Pyuthan, the program was organized on the 4 and 7 December 2011 at Bhingri VDC and Bahane VDC separately. CA member Mr. Narayan Prasad Adhikari and Mr. Dipak Bahadur KC briefed, shared and interacted with the community peoples.

In surkhet, the program was organized in mehalkuna VDC, Birendranagar municipality and Salkot VDC separately. CA members Ms. Kamala Sharma, Mr. Yamlal Kandel and Mr. Nar Bahadur Bista have briefed, shared and focused on the people's agendas and responded to the participants doubt and queries. There are various issues raised in the programs. The participants raised the issues such as the political parties are pressuring CA members for their benefit, the actual basis in federal mechanism either by caste or regional based, if the citizen will not get the constitution within two years who will become responsible, the benefit for dalit women in newly formed constitution and the CA members now have to work without talking allowance etc.

In Jajarkot district, the program was organized on the 4 December 2011 at Dalli. CA member Mr. Kali Bahadur Malla and Mr. Maya Prasad Malla have answered the queries of the participants.

Thus, through the dialogue programs, the community people gained the information regarding the judicial systems of the country and points of disagreement between the political parties. The CA members updated the people about the progress of constitution making till date and this dialogue has supported to create a peaceful environment and cooperation between the people and the CA members. A total of 1402 people participated in the program at 7 districts.

Dialogue between

The combatants those who preferred voluntary retirement expressed that they were worried of how to integrate in the mainstream of peace process in the communities. They also showed their concerned that as the community members perceive them as a combatant and it will become challenge for them to win the community belief. Likewise, the former commander Mr. Mohan Kandel expressed that there were many demerits and discriminations still prevails in the society and it is their responsibility to take away that inconsistency. Maoist former commander Mr. Bikas Malla urged to the educated public and NGOs of the society that they should play the role of coordinators for the social consistency and peace building process. Commander Mr. Tek Bahadur Khadka expressed that the first duty of the combatants are to support for constitution building process and the regrouping task was only for the continuation of peace process. The community people suggested that the divisions' offices should be transfer to the community people. The program was lively broadcasted by Radio Sunchhahari FM and Radio Rolpa. The program extended the message of cooperation between the society and voluntary retirement combatants and tried to remove the negative impact that was prevailed in the mindset of the community people as well as in the Maoist combatants.

There are three tracks in every peace process. The first step or track is the high level policy formulations/decisions and dialogues between central political leaders and reaching to the common consensus. The second track of development process is regional basis of dialogues, collaborations, advocacy of civil society's networks and human rights activists lobby. The media facilitates to flow the policies and higher level decisions to the regional and community level. The decisions and consensus made at the higher level directly effect to the third track of peoples. The peace process is successful or not it can be assessed at the third track.

HRPLSC has been facilitating to the third track of peoples by focusing on the following themes; Dialogue and interactions on combatants regrouping and reconciliation, seized land monitoring and facilitation, support to constitution making process by fulfilling the gap between community people and CA members.

HRPLSC's program was visited by Australian Ambassador Ms. Susan Grace



Australian Ambassador Her Excellence Ms. Susan Grace participated in the interaction program organized by HRPLSC on the “changes and achievements of BLCPHR” supported by RDIF at Liwang the headquarter of Rolpa district. The program was discussed and organized between human rights defenders, journalists, youths, regional staff of RDIF and HRPLSC staffs. In the program Ms. Susan Grace focused mainly on 4 points (i) how to make the political party responsible towards human rights protections and promotions, (ii) the role of Nepal Human Rights Commission for protection of human rights at the district, (iii) how the journalists have been giving importance this issues and (iv) the situation of domestic violence in Rolpa district.

Human Rights activist Mr. Ghansyam Acharya briefed that the office of the Human Right Commission was established during the conflict time at Rolpa but at present the human rights defenders have no support due the lack of office. He informed that the local Human Rights defenders are organized and have been working to promote the human rights situation at Rolpa district with joint collaboration and networking. Likewise, Ms. Shrikumari Roka stated that the victim women lack the services and compensations and there is yet to complete the work of rehabilitation and reconstructions.

Similarly Human Rights Defender Dharendra Dangi expressed that some human rights defender still lack the knowledge of human rights and the political parties have been persuading the actions of impunity.

Man Singh BK, a local journalist states that community FM stations and local news papers have been regular covering the message of human rights promotions. He focused that the Human rights networks that was formed with the facilitation of HRPLSC made easy to the human rights monitoring and the journalists feel a kind of joint cooperation facing danger. Likewise, RDIF regional Program Coordinator Mr. Govind Chapagain presented the RDIF office achievement and DPC of HRPLSC presented the district progress focusing on capacity building, HR and peace education classes at Schools, district human rights situations and challenges of human rights defenders.

At the end of the program, Ms. Susan briefed that she has been active involved in the formation of Truth and Reconstruction Ministry (TRC) and share about the district human rights situation at Kathmandu. She suggested that to organize the RDIF program in integrated way rather than to scattered way. The interaction program was facilitated by HRPLSC Executive Chief Mr. Top Bahadur Khadka. The program was run from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm.



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