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Human Rights organization of Nepal (HURON) is one of the first human rights organizations in Nepal. From the creation in 1988, HURON played a pioneering and crucial role in the movement for the restoration of democracy. A unique feature of HURON played a pioneering and critical role in the movement for the restoration of democracy. HURON grew as a mass-based people's movement. Our greatest strength lies in our membership, who represent all political persuasions-left, right and center and they are spread throughout the country in 75 Districts.

From the beginning HURON has played a leading role in the process of democratic change in Nepal, and in the protection of human rights and civil liberties. In society HURON is working toward building an organization/movement that will be responsive to the emerging and diverse human right issues, as well as to support the strengthening of the democratic process in the country at all levels.

HURON is registered as a non-political, non-profit making organization of the District Administration Office in Kathmandu. It is a democratic organization holding elections every three years at the district and central levels

Our Mission

HURON as a dynamic organization will promote human rights through advocacy, conflict resolution as well as networking and capacity building

Our Goals

- To monitor human rights violations and, by networking with other national, regional and international organization.
- To strengthen the democratic process and culture, with institutional capacity building at all levels.

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- To create awareness and to promote strategies to overcome social exclusion.
- To advocate for the amendment of or to initiate legislation which ensure the protection of human rights
- To empower the membership and strengthen District Chapters.

ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL

Monitoring & Observation in Madhesh Aandolan

From October 23 to October 27, 2015 HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal, General Secretary Mr. Mahamunishor Acharya and Senior Member Mr. Govinda Prasad Dhakal and team visited the andolan affected area (Bara, Parsa, Rautahat, Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Siraha and Saptari Districts). During the time of their visit Madhesh andolan was deteriorating and indefinite curfew was clamped. After the visit HURON publicized a report on November 28 2015 through Reporters Club Nepal.







On 10 November, 2015 HURON organized a program in Hotel Orchid, Tripureshwar regarding country's present crisis and suggested its solution. The program focused on the impacts and causes of conflicts in Madhesh. The program was led by the President of HURON Advocate Indra Prasad Aryal along with different political personalities, including Mr. Mohan Baidhya, Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang, Mr. Pashupati Shumsher Rana, Hridayesh Pathak, Mahesh Acharya, Manish Suman, Raj Kishor Yadav, Laxmi Lal Karna, Ex. Minister Ganesh Shah, Deputy Prime Minister and Social Welfare Minister C.P Mainali, Yuba Neta Rabindra Adhikari, Dhanraj Gurung who also offered their remarks on the Madhesh issue. After completion of the program the recommendation uprooted during the program was submitted to the Government of Nepal. The program was aired on national television and other communication medium. Along

with the personalities mentioned above the program was also attended by Prof. Kapil Shrestha and Mr. Charan Prasai.

On 4 February, 2016 HURON team met with Home Minister, Mr. Shakti Basnet to bring to his attention, the inhumane blockade and warned of humanitarian crisis. HURON also solicited for a political solution so people can work to mitigate the devastating impact of the economic crisis.



Photo: HURON President Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal and HURON General Secretary Mahamunishor Acharya with Home Minister Shakti Basnet

On January 11, 2016 HURON team met with the Chairman and the Prime Minister, Mr. Sushil Koirala and submitted the Letter of Memorandum imploring the solution to Madhesh Andolan.



Photo: HURON Team President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal along with HURON team with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala

On 15 April, 2016 HURON President Indra Prasad Aryal and General Secretary Mahamunishor Acharya met with BJP's senior leader Mr. Dinesh Upadhyaya to discuss the relationship between India and Nepal and the current Human Rights scenario of Nepal.

HURON Programs

On 12 October, 2015, Monday, HURON organized a program on the subject of Crisis Management and Human Rights. The Chief Guest of the program was Law, Justice and Peace Minister Hon. Narahari Acharya. The program was attended by more than 3 dozen participants from different background

On 8 January, 2016 in the joint initiation of NASAL and HURON, we distributed winter kit in Sunakhari, Dolakha district to the children affected by earthquake.

On July 2016, HURON established libraries in 10 schools in Chitwan and distributed books amounting to NRs. 4 Lakh in each school. HURON is searching for donors to help provide additional books to schools.

HURON began organizing One Day Educational Programs, coordinated by Mr. Sambhu Lama in 18 district chapters for Human Rights Defenders, Security Personnel, Teachers and Students. The programs in additional districts will be further organized in the coming days.





HURON on National Issues

On 3 June, 2016 in the joint initiation of HURON and National Society for Conflict Victims, we organized a Comprehensive Discussion Program to discuss about the problems faced by the conflict victims. The Discussion program was attended by Nepal Congress Leader Sher Bahadur Deuba, Mr. K.B Gurung, Mr. Julum Shakya, Mr. Binayadhoj Chandra, Narankaji Shrestha.

On August 24, 2015 HURON issued a press release condemning the barbaric attack that took place in Tikapur of Kailali District, taking life of 7 Policemen and a 2 year old child during the unfortunate event. HURON also submitted a worksheet to reset the social good-faith that was lost during the event, to which government showed no interest.

On 22 April 2016, the Commission of Investigation on Abuse of Authority (CIAA) ordered the arrest of Mr Kanak Mani Dixit. HURON pointed out that Kanak Mani Dixit's arrest is a clear case of vendetta, the manner and timing of his arrest seems to indicate this is a case of intimidation tactics. HURON raised its serious concerns for the arrest of Kanak Mani Dixit and presented an argument in Supreme Court and different communication media.

HURON President, Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal expressed his discontent on the CIAA President Mr. Lok Man Singh Karki during interviews with different TV and Radio channels. On the side of HURON, President of HURON Mr. Indra Prasad Aryal expressed his argument during the case hearing. Lok ManSingh Karki was sacked from the post on 21 October 2016. In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on 8 January 2017 disqualified Lokman Singh Karki as the chief of the Commission for Investigation of Abuse of Authority.