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**Statement on resignation of board members from Amnesty International Nepal**

Amnesty International is saddened by the resignation of nine board members of Amnesty International Nepal over the weekend, but stands by its human rights work in Nepal over the past year.

While respecting the opinion of the individuals and their right to disagree with Amnesty International, the organization refutes their accusations that our work on two particular cases in Nepal should have been handled differently.

Amnesty International has always supported the call for accountability for the killing of Nanda Prasad Adhikari's son Krishna, and for the thousands of other victims of Nepal's armed conflict. Amnesty International Nepal expressed these concerns through media, campaigning activities and meetings with authorities.

With regard to the case of Madhesi activist CK Raut and his supporters, Amnesty International called on the Nepalese authorities to respect their rights to freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention. As an independent and non-partisan organization, Amnesty International is concerned with upholding the human rights of every individual, regardless of their political leanings. This does not imply an endorsement of CK Raut's political opinions.

Amnesty International offers our best wishes to the board members who have tendered their resignations. With Nepal still recovering from the devastating earthquake that struck the country in April, independent human rights monitoring is more important than ever, and we look forward to continuing our work to strengthen human rights in the country.

During the past two years, the issues we have researched and campaigned on include the plight of Nepali migrant workers abroad, the impact of uterine prolapse on hundreds of thousands of Nepali women, accountability for conflict related crimes and human rights issues related to the earthquake.

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