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PRESS STATEMENT

Amnesty International is deeply concerned with the deteriorating health condition of Dr. Govinda KC who is on a hunger strike for the last 19 days. Dr. KC has been demanding reforms in Nepal's health sector and implementation of the recommendations put forth by a government formed Commission led by Dr. Kedar Bhakta Mathema.

Dr. KC's call for the reforms in Nepal's public health sector is part of Nepal's constitutional obligation to ensure the right to health of its citizens. Amnesty International has seen considerable public support particularly toward the ongoing calls for reforms by Dr. KC which has not been addressed even as Dr. KC has had to undergo multiple rounds of hunger strikes.

"We call on the government of Nepal to save the life of Dr. KC. We hereby remind the Government of Nepal of its obligation on the right to health guaranteed by the Constitution of Nepal as a fundamental right", said Biraj Patnaik, Director of the Amnesty International South Asia Regional Office.

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