Amnesty International Nepal
Medal Brief
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Amnesty International Nepal Submits 23,247 Letters to the Home Ministry

Amnesty International Nepal submitted today 23,247 letters to the Ministry of Home Affairs demanding concrete measures to end violence against women. The letters were collected by Amnesty International Nepal’s members, activists and supporters during Amnesty International’s global ‘Write for Rights’ campaign that ran between 29 November-20 December 2018.

The letters draw attention of the Home Minister towards the alarming state of the increasing rate of the incidents of violence against women and the deepening culture of impunity in Nepal even amidst the current dispensation of a changed political context with a stable government. The letters also call for the Home Minister to take prompt and effective steps to undertake actions aimed at ending all forms of violence against women in Nepal, to book the perpetrators to justice and to take legislative initiatives toward having no statutory limitation to file complaints of rape removing the current provision of one year’s limitation.

A delegation led by Amnesty International Nepal Director Nirajan Thapaliya submitted the letters to Mr. Surya Prakash Subedi, Advisor/Expert to the Home Minister, at his office.

About Write for Rights:
Every year, Amnesty International runs Write for Rights, a global campaign that encourages supporters around the world to write messages of solidarity to people whose rights have been violated just because they dared to stand up against injustices. Supporters are also invited to write letters to the authorities on behalf of these courageous individuals.

As part of the global letter-writing marathon, Amnesty International Nepal also campaigned for six women human rights defenders (WHRDs) from different parts of the world this year. A total 152,967 letters collected in support of WHRDs that include Marielle Franco from Brazil, Pavitri Majhi of India, Atena Daemi of Iran, Gulzar Duishenova of Kyrgyzstan, Nonhle Mbuthuma of South Africa and Vitalina Koval of Ukraine will be sent from Nepal to the authorities in the respective countries.

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