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National Alliance for Human Rights and Social Justice, Nepal (Human Rights Alliance) expresses grave concern regarding deaths of more than 11 children drowned in ditches in different districts of Nepal. Innocent children have been victims due to the utter negligence from authorities as they leave those ditches while constructing roads. Recently, 4 children died on 5 August 2017 at Garuda Municipality-4, Rautahat; in which, 3 siblings were from the same family. Daughters of Ramekbal Shah Sangita Kumari Shah (12), Sunita Kumari Saha (9), his nephew (elder brother's son) Premnarayan Shah's daughter Susmita Kumari Shah (9) and Yogendra Shah's daughter Sunaina Kumari Shah (9) drowned the same ditch nearby their home. Most of these heartbreaking incidents have happened due to sheer negligence from contractors; meanwhile, government is unable to bring them in legal boundary aiming for the punishment despite main liability has been from those contractors and staffs from Department of Road from the respective districts. Those authorities and individuals who are responsible for these kinds of negligence for causing human casualties have to be brought into legal procedure for punishment as well as ensured for providing compensation to the victims immediately. Hence, Human Rights Alliance strongly demands the government for taking quick action against the responsible and providing compensation to the victim as well as mobilizing necessary mechanism for ensuring safety from these kinds of incidents in coming days.

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