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#### ***Human Rights Alliance concerned over recent Government decisions to promote and withdraw the cases of alleged perpetrators of human rights violations.***

It is really disappointing that the government of Nepal still fail to show motivation to establish accountability for human rights violations committed during the civil war.

Human Rights Alliance is seriously concerned over yesterday's Government decisions to promote Raju Basnet to the rank of brigadier general who is allegedly involved in enforced disappearances and torture.

According to investigations carried out by the OHCHR and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) , Basnet played a leading role in the then Royal Nepal Army's operations that led to the disappearance of at least 49 detainees from the barracks when Basnet was a commander of Bhairabnath Battalion in 2003.

Likewise, the government decided to withdraw the case of Suryaman Dong and Agni Sapkota who were involved in the abduction and murder of Arjun Lama in 2005.

We would like to remind government of Nepal that the Nepal is party to the International convention on Civil and Political Rights which mandates each state to ensure that victims of human rights violations have a right to effective remedy. If the government believes in democratic norms then it cannot withdraw and promote cases concerning serious rights abuses in the past.

We strongly urge to government that those responsible for human rights violations must be brought to justice whether they are officials of a past or current government and regardless of whether they are politicians or unofficial groups.

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