International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances (30 August) 2020

Between 2008 and 2019, the United Nations Human Rights Committee (HRC) rendered decision on 15 cases of enforced disappearance (also called “views”) lodged by individuals or groups of individuals against Nepal.

In these 15 cases

19
Persons remain disappeared

64
Applicants were affected by the disappearance

In all 15 cases, the Human Rights Committee recommended Nepal to

1. Search for and establish the fate and whereabouts of the victims
   But the fate and whereabouts of none of the disappeared person have been determined

2. Investigate the fact; prosecute the perpetrators and sanction with commensurate penalties
   But investigation has not been conducted; and perpetrators have not been identified, prosecuted or sanctioned

3. Bring domestic legislation on enforced disappearance in line with international standard
   But domestic legislation is still not in line with the international standards

4. Provide free psychological rehabilitation and medical treatment, and educational support
   But no adequate psychological, medical or educational support was provided to the victims

5. Provide compensation
   But victims have only received the Interim Relief of NRs. 10 lakhs from the government. Only 2 victims received additional compensation

6. Translate the view of the HRC into Nepali and disseminate them widely
   But only 5 of these views of the Human Rights Committee have been translated into Nepali

The Government of Nepal is called upon to:
- Implement the views of the Human Rights Committee
- Indicate specific authority that will be in charge of the implementation of each measure

Sources:
- Human Rights and Justice Centre
- TRIAL International
- Advocacy Forum-Nepal
- Real Rights Now

Read the victims’ testimonies: “I say I have given up, but deep down I still hope for his return.”