

Media Monitoring 2001-2003

IHRICON has been monitoring the top 11 daily newspapers and the 12 weekly newspapers of Nepal since 1st Jan 2001.

The media monitoring activity has resulted in the production of a publication called Children in Armed Conflict. It was published in Nepalese print media from 1st Jan. 2001 to 31st December 2003. IHRICON has found that altogether 573 news items on the subject of children in armed conflict situations were published during the monitoring period. Almost 99% of the children in armed conflict related news was published in the daily newspapers and 1% was published in the weekly publications. In the area of the daily newspaper IHRICON has found that Kantipur National Daily takes the highest position in providing space for articles about children in armed conflict situations with this news occupying 25% of the total space of paper. In the same way, in area of the weekly newspapers Sahghu Weekly takes the highest position in providing space for articles about children in armed conflict armed conflict situations with this news occupying 36% of the total space of paper.

Organizing public hearings on various contemporary issues of public concern is one of the key activities of IHRICON.

IHRICON monitors news which has been published in different print media and analyzes its impact from a human rights focus. The key outcomes of media monitoring are discussed through public hearings which involve victims of human rights violations, policy planners, civil society organizations media and other concerned stakeholders.

IHRICON has also been monitoring issues of women rights, children rights, conflict, corruption, Dalits rights and other burning social issues within Nepal.

As part of the media monitoring news published in selected newspapers are collected and categorized under following issues:

- Abduction
- Education
- Event
- Health
- Injury
- Internal/External Displacement
- Loss of Family Member Loss of Life
- Rehabilitation
- Child Rights
- Child Soldier
- Trauma/Torture.

Twenty-nine newspapers (including daily, weekly and fortnightly papers) are examined. And their content recorded with the objective of monitoring the quantity and quality of coverage of certain issues. The news is categorized according to its content, e.g. Child Abduction, Child loss, loss of family members, child rehabilitation, Displacement, Child rights, Child rights, child education, News on Child soldiers, Health, Injury and Psychological problems caused by Conflict, women's issues, children's issues, conflict, public health, good governance, Dalits etc.

Regular evaluation reports are prepared, which include a set of recommendations on how to make the media more ethical, accountable and representative. The objective of this

activity was to improve the quality of the news available to the public, to ensure that media devotes enough attention to issues that were important to uphold human rights, and to fully utilize the media's role as upholders of democracy and plurality

Set out below are the types of media that has covered the news across Nepal:

Daily Newspapers (Nepali)

Annapurna Post, Gorkhapatra, Kantipur, Rajdhani, Samacharpatra, Space Times and Himalaya Times.

Daily Newspapers (English)

The Himalayan Times, Kathmandu Post, and The Rising Nepal.

Weekly Newspapers:

Sanghu, Janabhawana, Nepali Times, Jana Darshan, Hindu, Dristi, Deshantar, Bimarsha, Mahanagar, Tarun, Jana Darshan, Hindu, Dristi, Deshantar, Bimarsha, Mahanagar, Tarun, Janaekata, People's Reviews, Dibya Darshan, Nishpachhya, Kasthamandap, Rastrabani, Khabarkagaj, Janaahawan, Janadesh.

Total News items published between 2001 and 2003 are as follows:

Years	No of News Published
Jan- Dec 2001	09
Jan-Dec 2002	230
Jan-Dec 2003	334

Media Monitoring - 2004

There were in total during 2004 21 national daily, weekly, English and Nepali newspapers monitored by the IHRICON media monitoring team. During the monitoring period there were 1813 News items which were identified from the newspapers reviewed.

Set out below are the monitored newspapers:

Daily News Papers (in Nepali): Annapurna Post, Gorkhapatra, Himalayan Times, Kantipur, Nepal Samacharpatra, Rajdhani, Spacetimes. Daily Newspapers (in English): The Himalayan Times, The Rising Nepal, The Kathmandu Post. Weekly Nepali Newspapers (in Nepali) Dristi, Ghatana Ra Bichar, Tarun, Prakash, Rastriya Samata, Chaphal, Budhwar, Nepal. Weekly Nepali News Papers (in English): The Telegraph, People's Review and Times.

Children affected by the Armed Conflict – Yearly Statistics 2004.

Year	Killed	Injured	Arrest	Abduction	Release	Rape	Total
2004	172	117	66	14095	2065	13	16883

Women affected by the Armed Conflict - Yearly Statistics 2004

S.No.	Issues	Number of Women affected
1.	Killed by security force	155
2.	Killed by Maoist	45
3.	Arrest	44
4.	Abduction	588
5.	Raped by Security force	27
6.	Raped by Maoist	9
7.	Injured by Security force	13
8.	Injured by Maoist	94
9.	Surrender	54
10.	Health caused death due to band of Maoist	11
Total		1040

Media Monitoring – 2005

While monitoring: Himalayan Times, The Rising Nepal, Nepal Samachar Patra, Kathmandu Post, Annapurna Post, Kantipur, Rajdhani, Gorkhapatra, Nepal, Bimarsh, Ghatana ra Bichar, 1273 news items were published on Women and Children affected by the Armed Conflict during the year.

Children affected by the Armed Conflict - Yearly statistics - 2005

In 2005	
Killed	
By State	5
By Maoist	50
In Cross Fire	11
Total	66
Injured	
By State	3
By Maoist	93
In Cross Fire	11
Total	107
Rape	
By State	0
By Maoist	1
Total	1
Grand Total	174

Women affected by the Armed Conflict - Yearly statistics -2005

Issue	By State	By Maoist	Cross Fire	Total
Killed				
Local Women	2	38	15	55
Maoist Women	26	0	11	37
Local Defence	0	0	9	9
				101
Injured	2	50	6	58
Rape	1	27	0	28
Arrested by State	31	0	0	31
Abduction by Maoist	0	17	0	17
Surrender by Maoist	0	80	0	80
Grand Total Armed Conflict Women				388

Media Monitoring - 2006

While monitoring: Himalayan Times, The Rising Nepal, Nepal Samachar Patra, Kathmandu Post, Annapurna Post, Kantipur, Rajdhani, Gorkhapatra, Nepal, Bimarsh, Ghatana ra Bichar, 1056 news items were published on Women and Children affected by the Armed Conflict during the year.

Children affected by the Armed Conflict - Yearly statistics – 2006

A total of 788 news items related to children affected by the Armed Conflict were published in 13 national dailies and 9 weekly newspapers.

In 2006	
Killed	
By State	8
By Maoist	25
In Cross Fire	4
Total	37
Injured	
By State	7
By Maoist	93
In Cross Fire	4
Total	104
Rape	
By State	5
By Maoist	1
Total	6
Grand Total	147

Women affected by the Armed Conflict - Yearly statistics -2006

268 news reports related to women who had been affected by the Armed Conflict were published from January to December 2006.

In 2006	
Killed	
By State	4
By Maoist	17
In Cross Fire	3
Total	24
Injured	
By State	19
By Maoist	34
In Cross Fire	4
Total	57
Rape	
By State	11
By Maoist	1
Total	12
Grand Total	93