



# वकालत मञ्च-नेपाल ADVOCACY FORUM- NEPAL

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## Press Release

### Demonstrators Arrested by Police, Release them Immediately

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**Kathmandu, 5<sup>th</sup> Jul 2018:** Demanding "Save Life of Ganga Maya Adhikari and Dr. Govind K.C." and lift the ban on demonstration in Maitighar Mandala, a historic place for demonstrations, the civil society in Kathmandu organized a peaceful demonstration in Maitighar Mandala today at 9am. But police arrested them immediately after they started the peaceful demonstration. The arrestees include Charan Prasai, Indra Aryal, Surendra



Bhandari, Mohan Gyawali, Uddhav Pyakurel, Lokendra Pokhrel, Mahamunishwor Acharya, Lokraj Awasti, Bishwa Dulal, Jayaram Dahal, Sagar Adhikari and Loktantra Pokhrel. After arrest they are kept in the Singhadurbar Police Station, Kathmandu.



We urge the authorities to release the arrestees immediately, take immediate action to save life of Ganga Maya Adhikari and Dr. Govind KC and withdraw the decision on banning for demonstration in almost 95% areas of Kathmandu including Maitighar Mandala.

We would like to request to the international human rights community including diplomatic missions in Nepal, to raise this issue with the government and urge to respect people's right to peaceful assembly and democratic practice.

#### Background Information:

1. **Ganga Maya Adhikari:** Demanding implementation of the court order in the murder case of her son, Ganga Maya Adhikari is on fast-onto-death for more than one month. According to the doctor, her health condition is critical. For further information, please visit: <http://telegraphnepal.com/asian-human-rights-commission-on-ganga-mayas-plea/>
2. **Dr. Govind KC:** Demanding reform in medical education, senior orthopedic surgeon Dr. Govind KC has been staging 15<sup>th</sup> hunger strike in Jumla district for last one week. His health condition is deteriorating day by day. For more information please, visit: <http://kathmandupost.ekantipur.com/tag/dr+govinda+kc>
3. **Ban on Demonstration in Maitighar Mandala:** From 15<sup>th</sup> April, the Nepal government has banned on demonstrations in Kathmandu except in seven specified places which are deserted land and have no spaces for organizing such programs. For more information please visit a media news: <https://thehimalayantimes.com/kathmandu/ban-on-protest-at-maitighar-mandala-anti-democratic-says-dr-govinda-kc/>



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