

Press Statement

Twenty Years On, No Justice for Krishna Adhikari

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Twenty years have passed since the brutal murder of Krishna Prasad Adhikari allegedly at the hands of the then insurgent CPN-Maoist cadres during the armed conflict on 7 June 2004 (24 Jestha 2061). Adhikari was abducted in Bakullahar Chowk, Chitwan and taken away by men on a motorcycle. There are disturbing accounts of Adhikari being tortured, possibly even dragged behind the motorcycle. His ordeal ended tragically at the same location, where he was found tied to a tree and shot dead.

Despite sustained pressure from Adhikari's family members and civil society organizations, the government has turned a deaf ear to their pleas of justice. To challenge the government's inaction, Adhikari's parents Nanda Prasad Adhikari and Ganga Maya Adhikari sat in a fast-unto-death hunger strike with demands for justice. After 333 days of ordeal, Nanda Prasad Adhikari breathed his last on 22 September 2014. Even after losing her husband, Ganga Maya persevered with her hunger strike for a full year. In October 2015, the government seemingly conceded by signing a five-point agreement with her. However, these promises proved hollow, as the criminal trial stalled. The perpetrators are roaming free.

Advocacy Forum-Nepal (AF) expresses deep concern about the lack of progress in the murder case of Krishna Adhikari. It demands the government to conduct effective re-investigation into the case under both national and international laws. AF has been providing legal aid to Gangamaya Adhikari and it pledges to continue supporting the victim's family in their struggle for justice.



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