

## INSEC INFORMATION: 12th Day of Strike, Protests continue

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# Violation of Right to Peaceful Assembly

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## Two killed in Bara, Scores Injured, Arrested as Nationwide Demonstrations Continue

One demonstrator has been killed when the security forces opened fire at [Nijgadh of Bara](#) on April 17. Hira Lal Gautam, 25 of Nijgadh-2 was shot dead by the men of Unified Command stationed at the terrace of Agriculture Development Bank. The forces had fired at least 100 rounds of bullets at the demonstrators torching king's effigy, it is learnt.

Sudhir Aryal, Bishal Tamang, Deepak Upreti, Shudir Chaulagain, Ram Kumar Sigdel, Ishwar Lamsal, Mitha Ram Dahal, Shivahari Rimal and Krishna Timalsena among others were injured. Following the killing, the excited protestors vandalized the Bank and surrounded it. Additional forces arriving from Unified Command Base Camp charged baton at them including the persons sitting inside the houses. Some of the injured were taken to Birgunj for treatment while others are being treated at Nijgadh Health Centre. Journalists including Rajdhani daily reporter Guru Prasad Ghorsaine, Nepal Samacharpatra reporter Gokul Ghorsaine and protestors Hari Dahal, Krishna Ghimire, Bhawanath Aryal and Sitaram Dahal among others were injured.

At least 50 persons were injured when police baton charged and fired over 50 rounds of bullets at the demonstrators at [Chabahil](#), Kathmandu in the late afternoon. Seven of them are said to be in critical condition. Krishna Subedi of INSEC said the police had used firing, baton charge and tear gas to disperse the agitators attempting to defy the restricted zone.

The injured are identified as Nepal Bharati, Bal Kumari Sunuwar, Kalpana Nepal, Keshav Dhakal, Bhim Giri, Balram Khadka, Rachana KC, Bimala Rai, Bishnu Khatiwada and Subarna Dangol among others. One policeman Raghu Nandan Yadav is also injured in the incident. At least five persons were hit by bullets. The injured have been taken to Om Hospital, Medicare Hospital and TU Teaching Hospital. Om Hospital has admitted 35 injured. The teams of Nepal Red Cross and Amda Nepal had also provided first aid to the injured on the spot. The police had resorted to the act on the command of DP Gyanraj Baidhya and DSP Thule Rai. It is said that the police had beaten up women and children staying at the houses.

Demonstrations carried out at Mahankal, [Balaju](#), Budhanilkantha, Pharping, Subidhanagar and Koteshore were said to have concluded peacefully. Earlier, the police arrested UML activists Basanta Manandhar and Ram Kumar Adhikary from a protest rally organized at Balaju this morning.

Nepal Bar Association organized lantern rally walking backwards to protest the king's direct rule. Rishikesh Tiwari, Ram Chandra Tiwari, Dipendra Khatri and Dev Timilsina were arrested from Kalanki today.

Separate protest rallies were carried out at [Bhaktapur](#), Pepsikola, Gothatar, Suryabinayak today. At Tripureshwar, the journalists arrested on April 16 from Bhotahiti and currently kept at Dasharath Stadium were handed over three-month detention letters today. The journalists included Press Chautari president Bal Krishna Chapagain, general secretary Ganesh Basnet, former chairman Shambhu Shrestha, vice-chairman Bharat Pokharel and journalists Bhimsen Rajbahak, Rohit Dahal, Devraj Rimal, Bal Kumar Nepal, Punya Bhandari, Deepak Oli, Sushil Aryal, Om Prakash Acharya, Rajendra Phunyal and Indra Baniya. Meanwhile, CPN-UML issued a statement today condemning the administration move of detaining the journalists for three months.

Meanwhile, the employees working at Supreme Court and Office of the Examination Controller participated in two separate sit-in programs outside the office premises showing solidarity towards democratic movement today. Some twenty journalists including Balkrishna Chapagain, Bhimsen Rajbahak, Shambhu Shrestha, those arrested on April 16 have been given a detention letter of three months. At [Koteshwar](#), security forces stopped the rally of the Araniko Transporters' Association from entering inside the restricted zone. At [Kupondole](#) of Lalitpur 12 persons were injured when police interfered.

Mukunda Dahal from in [Chitwan](#) report, army opened fired at the demonstrators injuring dozens in Ratnanagar Municipality. The injured included Bharat Kattel, Ganesh Shrestha, Suresh Bal Tamang, Sujana Gurung and Ishwari Timilsina were among the injured.

The family members of security persons and former security persons organized a rally that began from Shaheed Chok, Narayangadh and concluded at District Administration Office. Similar protest rally was organized by trade union. Nepal Bar Association-Chitwan held a lantern rally. The rally began from District Court and converted into a corner meeting at Shaheedchok. Rallies were organized in other parts of the district including Korak, Lothar, Siddhi, Pipale, Khairahani and Bachhauri among others.

Bhojraj Timilsina from [Kavre](#) said the women staged the largest rally till date in Banepa in support of the strike called by the SPA today. Dhulikhel mayor Mansuman Shrestha has warned the municipality staffs of taking action if they participated in the pro-democracy rally.

Tanka Khanal from [Kaski](#) reports at least 15,000 people participated in the rally that was organized at Chipledhunga of Pokhara sub-metropolis-9. Separate rallies were started from Pardi, Birauta, Mahendrapul, Hallanchok, Baidam, Srijanachok, Bagar, Kahukhola, Lamachaur, Batulechaur, Rivan VDC and Lekhnath Municipality.

According to Rajendra Mahat from [Jumla](#), some twenty demonstrators including UML activist Hemraj Giri and Mahendra Bahadur Mahat of Peoples Front Nepal sustained injury as security forces charged bullets. Bishnual Budha from Dolpa informs that police arrested Coordinator of Peoples Movement Coordination Committee Dilli Bahadur Bista, Gauri Shanker Upadhyaya of Nepali Congress and Tanka Prasad Upadhyaya from protest rally organized at Jupal Kalagaunda of the district. According to Naman Kumar Shahi from Dailekh, Harka Bahadur Shahi of Nepal Peasants Worker Party, former district chairperson Surya Bahadur Shahi and Dharmadev Puri of Nepali Congress have been injured by the security forces while participating in a rally carried out at Dailekh Bazar yesterday. Security forces arrested Puri including other three persons from the same rally.

Prakashchandra Bhattarai from [Tanahun](#) reports that five persons were injured with the bullets opened and batons charged by the police in Damauli today. District President of the Federation of Nepalese Journalists Pradip Kafle, Tikaram Sigdel, Thaman Mishra, Niranjana Poudel and Bikash Thapa are among those injured. In Jumla, as Rajendra Mahat says 20 persons were injured when police baton charged and fired at the demonstrators today. UML district Office secretary Hemraj Giri and Jana Morcha Nepal's Mahendra Bahadur Mahat sustain injuries when the police charged baton.

According to Bishnu Lal Budha from [Dolpa](#), police arrested 13 persons from Dunai, the district headquarters of Dolpa. Ten of them were arrested from a rally that began from NC office and are kept at District Police Office. The arrested included NC general council member Tanka Prasad Upadhyaya, NC party secretary Gauri Shankar Upadhyaya, UML district committee member Tula Chandra Budha, NC-D district chairman Chandra Bahadur Shahi, Tarun Dal district chairperson Moti Prasad Upadhyaya, UML member Hasta Bahadur Budha, NC member Karna Bahadur Shahi, Main Bahadur Shahi, Indra Bahadur Shahi and UML member Ram Bahadur Budha.

Nawaraj Pathik from [Ramechhap](#) says three demonstrators were injured when the police clashed with the rally when they had arrived at DDC building after going through Manthali Bazaar. A policeman was also injured in the clash. The injured demonstrators are identified as NSU's Ramhari Poudel, ANNFSU's Lila Karki, Sadananda Kaderiya and police constable Ram Bahadur Tamang. NC district chairman Sri Bahadur Shahi, UML district member Harsha Bahadur Shahi and District People's Movement Coordinator Dil Bahadur Bista.

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