



Local Level Election 2017, Province Number 2 Security Situation Analysis

The Election commission has finalized all necessary preparation for the third phase of local level election scheduled for September 18 in eight districts under province number 2. The commission has maintained 3578 polling centers and 2,166 polling stations for local level election of 136 local levels in province number 2. The total number of voters under this province are 26, 64,950 and 31,500 staffs are mobilized for the successful conduction of election.

The election will be held in one metropolis, three sub-metropolis, 73 municipalities and 59 Rural Municipalities. This election will elect total of 6,627 representatives including 136 mayors and chairman, 136 vice-mayors and vice-chair, 1271 Ward chairman and 5834 ward members.

There was doubt about this election however the path was paved after some agitating Madhesi Political Parties, especially Rastriya Janta Party (RJP), decided to participate the election. The election activities and campaigns have been operating in province number 2 and this has created the election environment.

However, due to the flood hit in this area, the administration had to bear double responsibility of providing relief to the flood victims and maintaining the security in the district.

Siraha

Siraha is the center point of Madhes movement and place of activities of Madhes Centered Armed Group. In security point of view, this district is categorized as too- sensitive district in security point of view. The District Security Committee said that the security has been managed in polling centers, stations, election office, and for polling officers based on the security sensitivity as the district has been announced as too- sensitive.

In this district there are 17 local levels with 221 polling stations and 431 polling centers. There are 3,50,000 voters in this district according to the election office. District Election Office chief Indira Yadav said that all preparation for the election has been completed along with the voter's education.

Similarly, as per security point of view, 110 places are categorized as very sensitive, 88 as sensitive and 28 polling stations are categorized to be normal according to SP Sekhar Koirala of Siraha. Nepal army, armed police force and Nepal Police are kept stand by depending on the sensitivity during the election period. SP Koirala claimed that the security situation of the district remains normal till date.

Saptari

The District Election Officer Mahesh Thakur said that office of the election officer have been established in centers of municipality and Rural Municipality of Nine municipality and nine Rural Municipality in 17 local levels in Saptari to make the election fair and fearless. In this district there are 261 polling stations and 491 polling centers. Most of the polling centers of the district are categorized to be very sensitive and sensitive according to District Security Committee.

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SP Mukesh Singh said that the threat in the district from C.K Raut and Jay Krishna Goit group remains after Madhesi Parties have decided to take part in the election.

Similarly, the local administration has analyzed that there might be some uneasy situation for UML and Madhes oriented parties as there were clashes between these party in previous occasion and Madhesi Party taking UML as anti-Madhesi party.

Chief District Officer Bhagirath Pandey said that in northern part of Saptari, the situation is bit normal and in southern part there might be some critical situation and security has been managed based on this analysis.

Dhanusha

There is a possibility of peaceful election in this district however, there might be political clash between RJP and CPN UML.

The dissatisfying Madhesi Party, since the promulgation of constitution in 2015, has allowed the operation of political activities in the district however, it is doing activities such as closely watching CPN UML, obstructing their program, protesting against the visit of UML leader and not letting them go to district headquarter. On August 29, RJP Nepal cadres had protested against UML senior leader Madhav Kumar Nepal while he was addressing the provincial cadres assembly organized by the party.

In this district, there are 12 municipality and six Rural Municipality with total of 3,89,386 voters. For local level election, 327 polling stations and 532 polling centers are assigned according to the District Election Office.

The District Police Office of Dhanusha said that security management has been maintained in the district targeting the local level election. Same as in other districts, the security has been divided in three categories according to SP Lal Mani Acharya. Security has been managed based on the sensitivity of the polling centers. SP Acharya said that there is a security threat from underground armed group and cadres of C.K Raut.

Mahottari

In this district there are 10 municipality and five Rural Municipality. The election preparation has been expedited in Mahottari. Chief Pinky Rai of District Election Office said that there are 253 polling centers and 414 polling stations in the district. There are 3,13,357 voters for this election.

Chief District Officer Babu Ram Shrestha said that the situation of the district is very normal and attempt to create this harmony is continuing. The local administration has urged and circulated the notice to hand over all licensed arms to make election further peaceful. According to administrative officer hem Bahadur Karki, there are 332 licensed arms in the district. According to District Police Office, only 44 guns were collected till now which is just 16 percent of total licensed weapons. SP Kuber Kathayat said that those who did not handed over the weapons are always threat to security.

Sarlahi

In Sarlahi District, 3,77,705 voters are participating for the third phase of local level election to be held on September 18. In this district there are 200 wards, nine Rural Municipality and 11 Municipality. The District Election Office has

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assigned 318 polling stations and 501 polling centers for this election according to District Election Office chief Diwakar Bhujel. The district will elect 1004 representatives in this election.

The election activities have been expedited in the district. The home district of RJP leaders Mahanta Thakur, Rajendra Mahato and Mahindra Rai is Sarlahi. According to CDO Pradeep Raj Kandel, all security preparation has been completed for the election.

Rautahat

Rautahat has a huge influence of Madhes movement. In each and every activities of Madhesi party, this district has shown its support and participation on it. This district has also allowed political activities however, has closely watched the activities of CPN UML and obstructed them. Such activities are still continuing in the district.

In this district there are 16 Municipality and two Rural Municipality. For local level election, there are 276 polling centers and 436 polling centers have been assigned. The security management for ballot papers, box, staffs and voters have been completed and planning have been formulated as per the situation according to DPO Rautahat. The security has been divided into three levels same as in other district according to the SP Yagya Binod Pokhrel. He added that 93 polling stations were categorized as too sensitive, 73 as sensitive and 111 are tagged as normal according to him. He said that there are some threat from underground armed group and C.K Raut.

Bara

The election activities and campaign has been expedited in the district. CDO Bijaya Narayan Manandhar said that the security has been managed for clean, fair and fearless election. Security personnel have been mobilized in the district for the security of voters, candidates and polling centers.

SP Raj Kumar Baidabar of DPO said that a campaign to arrest absconding convict and controlling of alcohol related beverages has been started in the district. Nepal Army, Armed Police Force and Nepal Police has been mobilized for the security purpose. The security has been tightened in border and check post.

There are 3,36,678 voters in the district and 303 polling stations and 458 polling centers have been assigned. The southern part of Simraungadh, Pachrauta Municipality, devtaal, Adarsha Kotwal, Bistrampur, Prasauni, Pheta, Parwanipur are tagged to be sensitive in security point of view.

Parsa

There are 14 local levels with 2,80,211 voters. The election commission has determined 167 polling stations and 344 polling centers.

There are 71 polling centers categorized as too sensitive, 79 as sensitive and others are tagged to be normal in security point of view. The security has been tightened in the area based on the security sensitivity according to security bodies. In Parsa 2300 policemen and 1300 armed police force have been mobilized for security. Chief Sudeep Giri of Parsa Police said that the local administration has played important role on creating peaceful environment in the

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district. The youth are exuberant to participate the local level election which is going to be held after almost 2 decades.



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