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Summary

The election commission has said that it has completed the final preparation for the local level election in province number 2 and have urged all voters to cast their votes without any hesitation. The ballot papers and ballot box has been sent to the respective polling centers along with polling officers and security personnels. The commission has also said that it has managed tents for the voters to protect from rain and hot weather. After the beginning of silent period, candidates are not allowed to do election related activities however there are some un official reports of anomalies.

For the third phase of local level election tomorrow, 136 local levels have been maintained in eight districts under province number 2 with 3,578 polling centers and 2,166 polling stations. In this province, total of 26,64,950 voters will be casting their votes. This local level election will elect total of 6,627 representatives.

The CPN UML has accused Nepali congress cadres of beating them after the caders of NC could not distribute cash to the voters in Akaura Nagarain Municipality-8. Local Surya Dev Raut accused UML cadres Indra Kumar Paswan,18 of Nagarain Municipality-18, Pahalad Paswan,32 , Arvind Paswan,35, Birendra Raut and Lalan Das were beaten by NC cadres Parmeshwor Yadav and Mahendra Yadav led team.

The injured are receiving treatment at Janakpur Zonal Hospital. Among them Indra Kumar Paswan is seriously injured.

UML cadres accused NC cadres of attacking them with Laathi. DSP Pravin Dhital of DPO however said that the attack was over a personnel dispute. The accused will be brought under legal boundary according to the police. There is a strong competition between Nepali Congress and UML in the local level election in this municipality.

One girl was injured in Balara of Sarlahi after a bomb was exploded on the morning of September 16 . The bomb was exploded at Balara Municipality-2, Hatiyol Jamuniya near India border where 10 years old Rasmita Sahani was injured.

The girl is receiving treatment at Health Center in Achalgadh. The Area Police Office of Gadahiya said that the bomb was exploded near the shop where children were playing.

The bomb exploded when they tried to play with it thinking it was a doll. Other three bombs were disposed by the bomb disposal unit of Nepal Army according to Inspector Ram Raja Keshari. The search for the person who planted the bomb is in operation and security has been tightened in the area.

The area is said to be very sensitive as it is bordering with India. The security has been mobilized in the area.

After the beginning of silence period of third phase of election, police have arrested five people for their suspicious activities from Bhagwanpur Rural Municipality,

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bordering of Siraha on September 16. SP Sekhar Koirala of DPO Siraha said that Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Ajaya Kamat, Surya Narayan Yadav, Raj Kumar Yadav and Suraj Yadav of Madhubani of India were arrested after finding them doing suspicious activity by entering Nepal despite of sealed border. Police have confiscated sharp weapons from them.

In Rajbiraj Municipality-15, all election related program and even election was postponed after the death of ward chairman candidate. By the decision of office of the chief election office, the election on that ward has been postponed and notice has been circulated according to assistant polling officer Kiran Kumar Singh. Mahanthi Yadav, 61, a ward chairman candidate passed away after suffering from blood cancer on September 16.

Conclusion

In silent period, no political parties or candidates can do election related activities. If they do it, it will be against the election code of conduct. Political parties must remove all election dissemination materials, which are 300 meters away from the polling stations, before the commencement of silent period. If the silent period is violated by the candidate, they can be penalized up to Rs 1,00,000 along with cancellation of their candidacy. However, the election commission has not taken any action against that violating election code of conduct. According to the information gathered from all eight districts under province number 2, there is code of conduct violation in all districts. The candidates have engaged themselves to attract voters through feast or by other means against the code of conduct. The fairness of election can be maintained only when candidates and political cadres shows their honesty. When election is fair, it strengthen the democracy. For this citizen's alertness is very important. At the same time, observers are equally responsible on observing election fairly.

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